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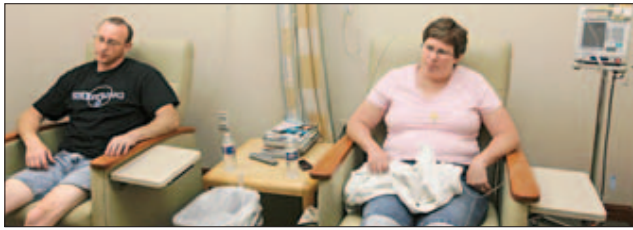
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Bill Caudle was in a no-win situation. He lost his job, his wife was battling cancer, and the bills piled up.



With few options left, Caudle made a tough decision: This month, he left his family and joined the Army.

Lifesaving mission

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PHOTOS BY MICHAEL SEARS, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL/MCT

Bill Caudle, 39, does sit-ups during a workout with other Army recruits in Watertown, Wis. Top: His wife, Michelle, gets chemotherapy for late-stage ovarian cancer.

Karzai accepts election runoff

By TODD PITMAN
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The Associated Press

KABUL — A grim President Hamid Karzai bowed to intense U.S. pressure and agreed Tuesday to a runoff election Nov. 7, acknowledging he fell short of a majority after U.N.-backed auditors stripped him of nearly a third of his votes.



Karzai

With the fraud investigation completed, election officials must now scramble to organize a new ballot as the fierce Afghan winter approaches and the country faces a growing threat from Taliban insurgents.

President Barack Obama said he called

Karzai to welcome his willingness to run in a new election against his main rival Abdullah Abdullah.

"President Karzai's constructive actions established an important precedent for Afghanistan's new democracy," Obama said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also complimented Karzai's decision. "We have learned very valuable but painful lessons from the first election," Ban said. "We must not repeat what they have done last time."

Karzai spoke at a news conference after meeting at least four times with U.S. Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Afghan leader did not express any regret over the widespread fraud, saying only that "this is not the right time to discuss investigations."

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"Everyone is very happy because the president has accepted to come here and officially recognize the Rwenzururu Kingdom."

— Masereka Tadaai, speaking at the coronation of a U.S. nurse's aide-turned-king of the Bakonzo ethnic group in Uganda

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S. Korea to revamp DMZ towers

By JON RABIROFF
Stars and Stripes

DEMILITARIZED ZONE, Korea — You might call it a case of keeping up with the Joneses, or in this case the Kims.

Work is under way on the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone to renovate three guard posts and two checkpoint buildings into bigger, more modern structures.

The construction comes a year after North Korea finished work on the replacement of four guard posts on its side of the DMZ, and a decade after the two sides engaged in a tit-for-tat battle to see who could build the more impressive reception centers in the Joint Security Area — a period remembered as "the skyscraper wars."

Welcome to the DMZ, where size matters.

Lt. Col. John Rhodes, commander of the United Nations Command Security Battalion — Joint Security Area, said the renovated buildings on the south side of the Military Demarcation Line will have new safety and convenience features like blast-resistant glass, thicker walls and running water.

"Renovating those guard posts was long overdue," he said, adding that the last time work was done on them was 1983. "You can only live in house so long until you have to do something significant."

Rhodes said the work was not necessarily being done in response to the more impressive guard towers that went up last year on the North's side of the JSA, and dismissed the suggestion that the two sides were once again engaged in a game of "Can You Top This?" reminiscent of the late 1990s.

It was in 1998 that the Freedom House — an unimpressive structure originally built in 1965 on the South's side of the JSA — was rebuilt. The new, futuristic Freedom House just happened to be taller than the two-story Panmunhak, North Korea's main building



JON RABIROFF/Stars and Stripes

Three U.S. soldiers and one South Korean soldier stand in front of one of the guard posts that, along with two checkpoint buildings, are being renovated on the South Korea side of the Demilitarized Zone.

that sits directly across the JSA.

The following year, the North Koreans added a third story to the Panmunhak, making it taller than the Freedom House.

JSA security escorts routinely make light of the construction battle in the speech they give to tourists who visit the JSA.

"There's usually something behind everything they do," Rhodes said, referring to the North Koreans.

However, he said he does not believe the guard posts on the North's side of the JSA

were replaced for any nefarious reasons or tactical advantages. The old North Korean guard posts were also in disrepair, he said.

Rhodes said he doubts the construction under way on the South's side of the JSA will prompt any more construction on the North's.

"The [Republic of Korea] government took great care to build those structures not to be provocative in any way to the [Korean People's Army] on the North Korean side," he said.

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Election: Fraud still a concern for runoff

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"This is the time to move forward toward stability and national unity," Karzai said.

He acknowledged the final results showing the need for a runoff were "legitimate, legal and according to the constitution of Afghanistan."

Kerry, who stood alongside Karzai and the U.N.'s representative in Afghanistan, Kai Eide, said

the agreement on a second round had transformed the crisis into a "moment of great opportunity," and praised Karzai for "genuine leadership in the decision he has made today."

Karzai and Kerry were in talks as late as Tuesday afternoon, suggesting that up until the last moment there was a chance the Afghan leader would return to insisting on a first-round victory.

One alternative to a runoff

that diplomats say was being discussed was a power-sharing deal, though the form that could take is unclear. And it could take weeks or months to hammer out an agreement between the two rivals. Karzai ruled out a coalition government, telling reporters, "There is no space for a coalition government in the law."

Another election risks the same fraud that derailed the Aug. 20 vote, along with inciting violence

and increasing ethnic divisions. If there are any delays, the vote also could be hampered by winter snows that block off much of the north of the country starting mid-November.

The August poll was characterized by Taliban attacks on polling stations and government buildings, and threats of violence dampened turnout in the first round. Many say even fewer people would come out in a runoff.

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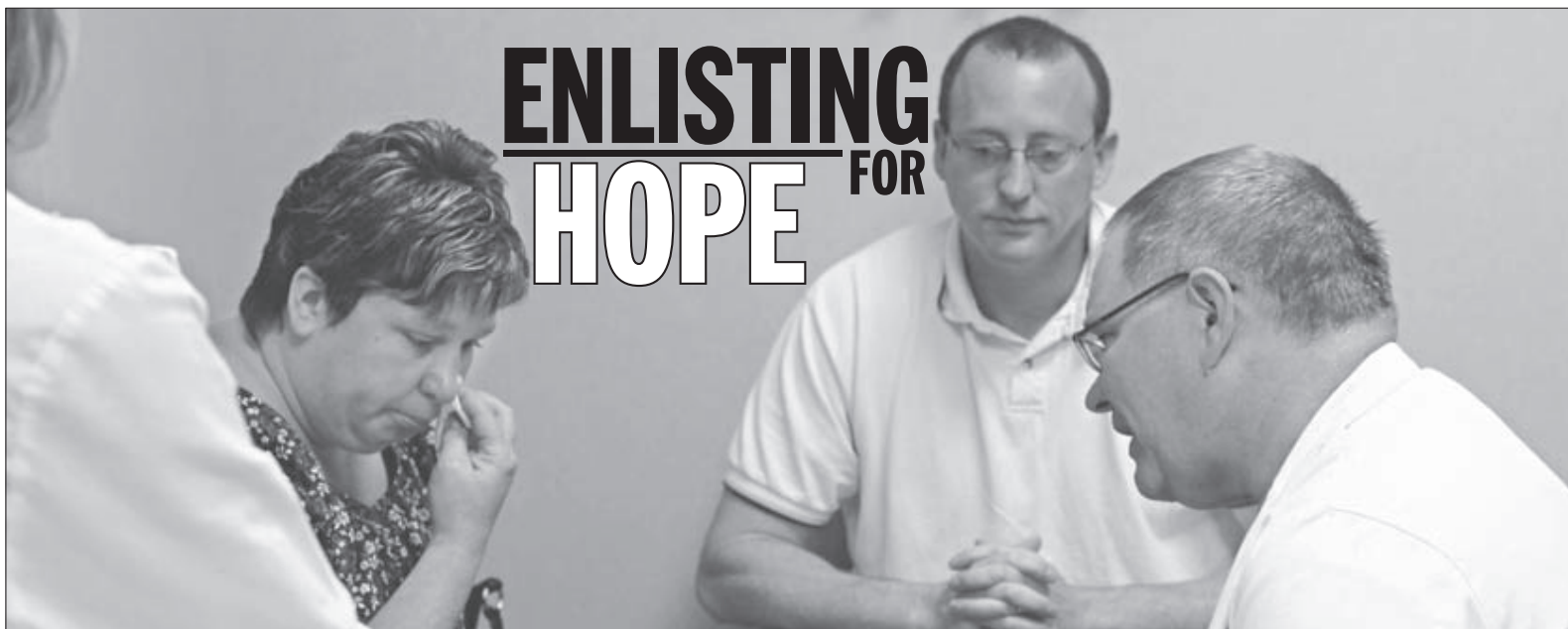
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Above: Michelle Caudle discusses test results with her oncologist, Dr. Peter Johnson, right, in August as her husband, Bill, listens at the Aurora Women's Pavilion in West Allis, Wis. Below: Bill Caudle holds his cake during a party at the Caudles' home in September. Friends and family gathered to wish Bill well before he left for Army basic training.

Without health insurance, wife's cancer prompts husband to join the Army

BY MARK JOHNSON

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — 56 days ... 55 days ... 54 days ...

Chelsea Caudle began signing her text messages this summer with a countdown. At 14 years old, she knew no better way to express what was coming. Day Zero was to be Oct. 7, the day Dad left for Army basic training in Fort Jackson, S.C. He was moving 950 miles from their home in Watertown, Wis., 950 miles from Mom.

He was leaving, even though Mom was sick with ovarian cancer. Even though he had been at her side through two long, miserable rounds of chemotherapy. Even though she now faced the likelihood of a third.

In fact, Dad was leaving because Mom was sick.

In March, he was laid off from his job as a raw materials coordinator for a plastics company called PolyOne, where he'd worked for 20 years. His severance package had provided several months' salary, but by August the paychecks were winding down. Soon the cost of his family health coverage was going to triple, then a few months after that, nearly triple again. They needed coverage so Mom could fight her cancer.

Dad's solution: a four-year hitch in the Army.

So Chelsea counted down the days to his departure. When the countdown reached 49, the text message signature began to annoy and depress her, so she stopped. High school was beginning, her freshman year.

In the first week of class, one of the teachers asked: What do your parents

do?

The question jolted Chelsea back to the shifting ground of her family. Mom was working part time at a restaurant, preparing for more chemo, worrying about how to pay the bills. In less than six weeks, Dad would enter the Army and her care would be covered.

The trade-off was that he would be far away when Mom needed him home, when Chelsea needed him, too. He would miss all of her high school years. The band performances. Prom.

Chelsea thought of all his absence would mean.

When she sent her next text message, she resumed the countdown.

36 days.

Mom and Dad are Michelle and Bill Caudle, high school sweethearts now 40 and 39, respectively. They have three children: Chelsea, the youngest; Alysha, a 21-year-old working at a nearby Holiday Inn; and Little Bill, an 18-year-old ex-high school wrestler.

True, he had been interested in the Army for years. And he could always request an emergency leave to come home if Michelle's condition grew dire (Army regulations allow this if a family member's death is imminent).

But for weeks before enlisting, Bill had sought other options. He revised his resume. He answered "help wanted" ads, then watched the companies cut workers instead of hiring them. He interviewed for one job that would have paid \$13 an hour — less than half of what he was making at PolyOne. He didn't get the job.

After sending out resumes, he got the feeling it didn't much matter. Even companies that had advertised for staff were changing their minds.

Finally, on May 13, his 39th birthday, he signed the Army papers.

Left with few options

Two weeks later, Michelle Caudle sat in the office of her doctor, Peter Johnson, at Aurora Women's Pavilion in West Allis. Just six months earlier she'd celebrated the end of her second chemotherapy treatment. Now, the tests revealed tiny "spots," or changes on her abdomen, neck and lungs. Not a good sign. The measure upon which cancer hopes rise and fall, the CA125 number — please, let it stay low — was

climbing.

"I could lie to you but I'm not going to," Johnson told Michelle.

Although he could not say for certain the cancer was back, this early sign pointed to that possibility.

Michelle broke down. For three years she'd been nurturing her hope in the face of uncertainty.

"I'm not going to beat this," she said.

In the end, although he risked leaving Michelle to fight cancer on her own, Bill chose the Army. He signed on for a job as a signal support systems specialist, a soldier who works with communications equipment.

The Army would solve their health coverage problem. In years past he would have been too old, but in 2005 the age limit for enlistment was increased from 35 to 40, and a year later it was raised again to 42.

"Seventy percent of the reason is for the insurance," said Bill's mother, Marguerite Hemiller. "He told me, 'I've always wanted to do something for my country, and I have to help Michelle.'"

On Aug. 27 — 41 days — Michelle's summer ended. She sat with Bill in a private room in Aurora Women's Pavilion waiting for the official word on her latest blood tests. The doctor's office had called to tell her that her CA125, the cancer measure she hoped to keep low, had risen from 17 to 66.

"Odds are he's going to tell me it's back," she said.

Johnson entered the room and crouched beside Michelle's chair. There was cancer in her abdomen, he said. "There's some areas in the lung, too."

At home, Michelle wrote six words on her Facebook page:

"Cancer back. Sucks to be me."

Counting to Day Zero

11 days.

The cake was for Bill, but the party was as much for Michelle. In the chemo cycle — two weeks on, one off — this was her break from the chemo's poisoning effects. She was ready to feel good again.

Friends and relatives arrived at the Caudles' backyard carrying dishes. Bill shook hands. Michelle wandered back and forth between the kitchen and the yard, smiling and laughing. She stayed on her feet until just about everyone

else was seated.

"She's a strong woman," said her mother, Sharon Hutchins.

Day Zero.

The separation came sooner than Chelsea had expected.

Her dad was not scheduled to fly to basic training until Oct. 7, but a day earlier he had to report to the recruiting office where a van would take him to Milwaukee. The recruits would be driven to a hotel in the city so that early the next day, they could be processed, sworn in and flown to their base.

Bill's family would not be there on the 7th. Hard enough to face one farewell. No one had the stomach for a second.

Besides, separation wasn't the family's only misery scheduled for Oct. 6. Hours before Bill left, Michelle was to receive her next dose of chemo. Bill planned to accompany her to the hospital. Chelsea, too.

Michelle's blood tests were not good. She was not healthy enough to be poisoned — to go through the chemo again. She would have to skip a week.

So, on a rainy morning, everyone, including Bill's mother and stepfather, waited in Watertown, watching the clock tick closer to his appointment at the recruiting office.

Just before 2:30, the van arrived.

Chelsea and her Dad hugged. It happened so quickly; all she could say was: "Bye."

In the parking lot, tears streamed down Michelle's face. She held Bill near the van, unable to find any words at all.

"I love you," Bill said. "I'll call."

And then he was gone.

On the ride home, Chelsea texted her cousin and her best friend.

My Dad just left.

No signature this time. The countdown was over.

Early the next morning, Bill Caudle learned that he would not be going to Fort Jackson, S.C. He was headed to Fort Knox, Ky., instead. He would be half as far from home — 475 miles instead of 950.

The moment he was processed at Fort Knox, his Army health coverage kicked in.

If all goes according to schedule, Bill will finish basic training in mid-December. Michelle will still be in the midst of chemo. She hopes to make it to his graduation.





TORU HANAI/AP

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, left, talks to Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada on Tuesday in Tokyo.

Gates: Okinawa runway plans should not change

By LARA JAKES
The Associated Press

TOKYO — U.S. leaders expect Japan's new government to stick with existing agreements between the two nations, America's top defense official said Tuesday amid debate over whether to shutter a U.S. military air field on Okinawa. Japanese officials, however, signaled that they expect flexibility from the U.S.

Pentagon chief Robert Gates did not specifically mention the controversy over the Futenma base, a major U.S. Marine hub, during brief public remarks with Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada. But he made clear that the Obama administration would frown on any action by Tokyo to block a new run-

way at another base on Okinawa when Futenma is closed.

Okada told Gates the administration of newly elected Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama would seek a "deeper and sustainable" relationship with the U.S. "Of course, we have a lot of challenges," Okada added.

At issue is the fate of the airfield following Hatoyama's election last month. Hatoyama told reporters Monday night, "We will choose an appropriate time to come to a conclusion after thoroughly reviewing the situation and process of the agreement."

Three years ago, U.S. and Japanese officials agreed to shift 8,000 Marines on Okinawa to Guam and to move the Futenma base to Camp Schwab, also on the southern Japanese island.

Gates: Troops can't wait on Afghan election

By KEVIN BARON
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD A MILITARY AIRCRAFT — President Barack Obama should not wait for a clear resolution to the post-election complexities in Afghanistan before making his decision on the administration's war strategy, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said on Monday.

"We're not just going to sit on our hands waiting for the outcome of this election," Gates said, hours before the Afghan election commission set a Nov. 7 runoff election between incumbent Hamid Karzai and challenger Abdullah Abdullah.

Speaking to reporters on his plane shortly after attending a change-of-command ceremony in Hawaii, Gates volunteered his reaction to remarks made over the weekend by White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel and press secretary Robert Gibbs.

Those officials, as well as NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, indicated they wanted to wait until questions of Afghan leadership legitimacy were settled, possibly after Afghan election results were finalized by a runoff vote, before making a strategy decision.

"My view is that whatever emerges in Kabul is going to be an

evolutionary process," Gates said. "It's not going to be complicated one day and simple the next."

The U.S. and its international partners will have to work with any Afghan government going forward, he said.

"The reality is, even though the president has further significant decisions in front of him, we already have 68,000 American troops on the ground in Afghanistan and almost 40,000 troops from other countries," Gates said.

"They're not all just staying in their tents while we await the outcome of the election. They're out doing operations. They have a mission."

His spokesman, Geoff Morrell, later added, "The legitimacy question goes beyond who is declared the victor of the elections. Does this government, whoever's in charge, have the full faith and confidence of the Afghan people? And that's a question that's not going to be made overnight."

The secretary said he did not expect a final strategy decision from Obama for some time, given that he and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, are traveling overseas this week, and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is traveling into next week.

But time is not on the administration's side, Gates added. With

winter on the horizon, he expressed concern that Afghan citizens would not be able to make it to the polls in inclement weather for a runoff vote.

The secretary was confident that virtually all of the countries already committing troops for election security would keep their forces in place.

Gates is on his way to meet with NATO defense ministers in Slovakia this week and is first stopping in Tokyo and Seoul. He will bring no specific request for troops or economic assistance, he said, but did say he would look for those countries to share in the burden of Afghan success.

"This is an alliance issue," he said.

"It should not be looked upon as exclusively the responsibility of the United States to respond. And so I think having a discussion about that, and the fact that this is a continuing shared responsibility makes it entirely appropriate to have that conversation in Bratislava before decisions are made by the United States."

Gates said he and Mullen had sensed a "renewed commitment" from their NATO military and civilian counterparts this year, and hoped the alliance would reassess the state of the Afghanistan war.

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Pirates hijack Chinese vessel

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Extending their reach beyond the waters of the Gulf of Aden, Somalia pirates hijacked a Chinese vessel Monday some 800 miles off the failed state's coastline.

The attack occurred 400 miles northeast of the Seychelles, where U.S. Africa Command recently deployed unmanned aerial vehicles in support of Ocean Look — a surveillance and reconnaissance mission aimed at deterring piracy off the Seychelles' shores.

However, Monday's hijacking occurred outside of the internationally recommended transit corridor, where a flotilla of international warships is on patrol, according to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.

Following a report of the attack, the European Union's anti-piracy mission — EU NAVFOR — launched one of its aircraft to investigate the scene.

An EU Maritime Patrol Aircraft located the ship, which was being towed by two pirate skiffs toward Somalia, EU NAVFOR reported.

It's the farthest the pirates have been seen offshore, said Cmdr. John Harbour, a spokesman for the EU anti-piracy effort.

"We're seeing this because we've been very successful with our patrols."

Because of the increased military presence in the recommend-

ed transit route, the pirates are now being forced to travel into other waters to seek out targets, Harbour said.

The pirates took 25 hostages in the attack, according to EU NAVFOR, which consists of units from Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands and Spain.

Other ongoing anti-piracy missions off Somalia's coast include Combined Task Force-151, which includes the U.S. Navy's 5th fleet, and NATO's Allied Protector mission.

Improving weather conditions is one of the factors that has enabled the pirates to stretch farther beyond Somalia's coastline.

"The monsoon season is ending so the seas are settling down. The water is getting calmer and they're able to get out more now," said Cmdr. Chris Sims, a U.S. Naval Forces Central Command spokesman.

The Chinese ship was carrying coal and was traveling from South Africa to India when the attack occurred, according to Chinese state media.

The Chinese bulk carrier was not registered with the Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa, which coordinates with merchant vessels transiting the region as part of an effort to reduce attacks, according to the EU mission.

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Japan high court hears arguments in Futenma noise pollution lawsuit

By CHIYOMI SUMIDA
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NAHA, Okinawa — Arguments on whether to pay nearly 400 Japanese residents about \$1.3 million in damages over noise pollution from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma were heard in high court Tuesday, the same day U.S. and Japanese officials were addressing the future of the air station.

The Japanese government, which the residents claim is responsible for the damages, was ordered in June 2008 by the Naha District Court to pay 396 residents for mental and physical suffering.

The lower court, however, dismissed a demand by residents to reduce the hours each day that flight operations are permitted at the facility. The court said the Japanese government has no control over military operations at the air station.

Both residents and the government appealed, and the first hearing at the high court began in April.

During Tuesday's session, Ginowan Mayor Yoichi Iha told the three-judge panel that the noise from the air station has increased

considerably since the U.S. and Japanese governments agreed in 1996 to close Futenma.

After years of twists and turns on a site selection, the governments agreed to relocate the facility to Camp Schwab in rural northern Okinawa as part of a military realignment pact signed in 2006.

"Flight activities at the air station continue to grow," Iha told the court, saying the military has violated the 10 p.m.-6 a.m. noise abatement agreement for Okinawa bases.

Iha criticized the Japanese government's lack of effort to enforce the agreement.

"The government's whole intention is to keep the military base here, with no thoughts on the sufferings of local community," he said. He closed his testimony with his appeal to immediately close the facility.

The next hearing is set for Nov. 11.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates was in Tokyo on Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss the realignment of U.S. troops.

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U.S. troops patrol with their Afghan counterparts earlier this month in Farah city. The 82nd Airborne's 4th Brigade Combat Team has been here for two months as part of a policy that doubled the number of U.S. troops training Afghan forces.

T.D. Flack
Stars and Stripes



82nd Airborne in Farah province on mission to train Afghan army

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

SHEWAN GARRISON, Afghanistan — The men of the 4th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment prepared to enter an Afghan village where suspected Taliban insurgents were believed to be hiding.

Hours before sunrise, they quietly began suiting up for combat, checking weapons and radios and coordinating with a quick reaction force of fellow soldiers in case things went bad.

Ammunition? Check. Water? Check. The Afghan National Army troops who were supposed to lead it? Nowhere to be found.

It was another frustrating start to a mission for the U.S. soldiers tasked with advising and assisting the Afghan National Security Forces in Farah province in western Afghanistan. They've been here for two months as part of a policy that doubled the number of U.S. troops training Afghans by bringing in the 82nd Airborne's 4th Brigade Combat Team. That the Afghan troops were a few hours late on that day's mission was almost a given, according to U.S. troops.

Up to that point, the mission was run by one National Guard brigade combat team under the direction of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan. Small teams of nine to 15 soldiers, led by a captain or major, embedded with the Afghan forces to train them.

But with the Afghan National Security Forces growing, more U.S. manpower was needed, U.S. officials said, and the 82nd Airborne was sent in. The Airborne's 4th BCT works out of the south and west, and the National Guard's 48th Brigade Combat Team out of Georgia now focuses on the north and east.

"In the last year and a half ... we couldn't generate enough National Guard, so the Army said, 'OK, we're going to take a ... brigade combat team and give them the mission,'" said 4th BCT operations officer Lt. Col.

Guy Jones. "And that's how they then began to form this two-BCT concept, as they call it."

The 82nd Airborne runs seven battalions in Afghanistan. Five work in a full-time partnership role, and two serve as support battalions.

Lt. Col. Michael Wawrzyniak, 4-73 commander, said his 400-man battalion has spent the first two months as part of Task Force Fury building rapport with the locals and living with the Afghan army and police, conducting joint patrols.

Wawrzyniak said that with a battalion, he can, when needed, create larger teams than the nine- to 15-man units they replaced.

"We come with more of a conventional structure to our forces with platoons and troops, that allows us to expand where we can advise, and match up closer [with] the ANA and ANP forces," he said.

But he admitted to difficulties motivating and working with the Afghans.

"Part of the challenge is realizing that the Afghan army and the way they coordinate and plan operations isn't always going to look like the way we would coordinate and plan an operation," Wawrzyniak said. "So you kind of have to figure out what the balance is and still effectively get things done."

That "Afghan way" also comes into play with logistics and supplies, Jones said. U.S. troops will look at the worst-case scenario and pack accordingly. A 24-hour operation could go into a second day, for example, so the U.S. troops will pack additional food, water and other supplies.

The Afghans, however, will plan for 24 hours.

"And at the end of that, if they don't have the stuff that they need, 'Oh, we will get it,'" is the Afghan reaction, Jones explained.

"It's *inshallah*," Jones said, or God willing. "I'm just now starting to grasp that '*inshallah*.'"

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Unit honored for Vietnam heroism

By MICHAEL E. RUANE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The North Vietnamese soldiers were so close that Pasqual Gutierrez could see their eyes and faces as they darted among the bunkers in front of him.

Bullets banged off the armor of his tank. Rocket-propelled grenades had just cut down Sgt. Foreman and wounded Capt. Poindexter. The fighting was so fierce that machine gun barrels overheated, and one comrade stuck cigarette filters in his ears to keep out the noise.

It was March 26, 1970. Location: A few acres of jungle, pocked by B-52 bomb craters, and now a stage where American tanks fired blasts of sharpened buckshot at an enemy who fought back from subterranean bunkers and could not be dislodged.

Tuesday in the White House Rose Garden, President Obama paid tribute to Gutierrez and about 80 other Vietnam veterans who fought in the battle, which resulted in the rescue of a company of trapped fellow soldiers.

Gutierrez's outfit — Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment — was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for its "extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry" in the fight.

"The analogy for me has always been: These two heavyweights stepping into the center of the ring," Gutierrez said. "And then just going toe-to-toe, and pounding on each other. ... The first guy that connects wins."

The Presidential Unit Citation, awarded to Troop A in April, is the highest honor given to a military unit and has been issued

since World War II.

It was delayed in part because the unit's old commander, Houston businessman John Poindexter, said he realized only recently that many of his men had gone unrecognized.

The award stems from an action in which Troop A, under the command of Capt. Poindexter, volunteered to rescue about 80 American troops pinned down by an enemy battalion, according to official accounts. The battle took place along the Cambodian border, northwest of Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City.

Poindexter had about 100 men in his troop, along with six light Sheridan tanks and about 14 Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicles bristling with machine guns. He had an additional 100 infantrymen assigned to him.

The battle began when Charlie Company, a separate group of American infantrymen, stumbled on the enemy bunkers the morning of March 26, took heavy casualties and were quickly surrounded.

Based a few miles away, Poindexter, then 25, volunteered to take his outfit through the jungle to rescue the trapped "grunts."

They arrived on the scene with a suddenness that surprised both sides, Poindexter said last week.

Poindexter ordered everyone to open fire with all weapons for a "mad minute," Gutierrez said, "just to kind of turn the flame on the kettle and see what comes to a boil, see what comes back."

"The men of Charlie Company who are alive today understand that we owe our lives" to Troop A, said the company commander, then-Capt. George Hobson.



ROBIN HOECKER/Stars and Stripes

President Barack Obama shakes hands with members of the Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry regiment on Tuesday after they were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for their heroic actions on March 26, 1970. The troop rescued comrades from another unit who were pinned down by enemy fighters.

Bombings across Iraq kill GI, 6 others

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Car bombs and planted explosives killed six people, mostly police, on Tuesday in different areas of Iraq, as a low level insurgency continues to target the country's struggling security forces.

A car packed with explosives blew up at a gas station in the town of Saqlawiyah, 45 miles west of Baghdad, killing three policemen and one civilian, a local police officer said. He said five policemen and one civilian were wounded in the same blast.

In northern Baghdad, one civilian was killed and four were wounded when a bomb attached to a minibus exploded in Kazimiyah, a primarily Shiite suburb of the capital, said a police officer in

the Iraqi capital.

In Hilla, just south of Baghdad, a roadside bomb targeting a police patrol killed one policeman and wounded two others, according to a local police spokesman.

In Mosul, a roadside bomb targeted an Iraqi army patrol, wounding two soldiers and one civilian, said a police officer. An Iraqi army patrol in the western part of the city shot dead an armed man, who was firing at the patrol late Monday.

The U.S. military said Tuesday that a U.S. soldier was killed and two others were wounded when a roadside bomb detonated near their vehicle in Ninevah province. The military said the soldier was killed Monday.

Meanwhile, President Barack

Obama told Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki during a meeting in Washington on Tuesday that he plans to hold to U.S. withdrawal plans. Obama also said he was watching closely for the Iraqi parliament to pass the election law.

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IN THE STATES

Poll: More in U.S. warming to public insurance option

BY DAN BALZ AND JON COHEN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As Democratic congressional leaders and White House officials work to shape health care bills that will go to the House and Senate floors, a new Washington Post-ABC News poll shows that support for a government-run health plan to compete with private insurers has rebounded from its summertime lows and now wins clear majority support from the public.

Americans remain sharply divided about both the overall health care package and President Barack Obama's leadership on the issue. But majorities now back two key and controversial provisions: both the so-called public option and a new mandate requiring all Americans to carry health insurance.

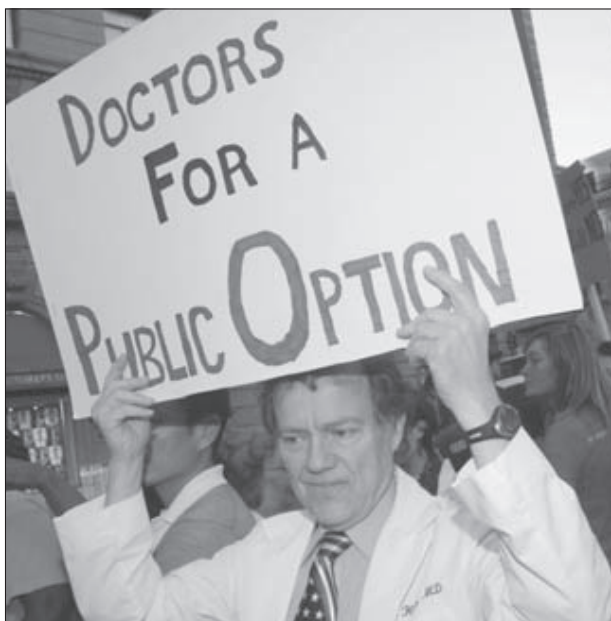
Independents and senior citizens, two groups crucial to the

debate, have warmed to the idea of a public insurance option.

Overall, 45 percent of Americans favor the broad outlines of the proposals now moving in Congress, while 48 percent are opposed, about the same division in August. Seven in 10 Democrats back the plan while almost nine in 10 Republicans oppose it. Independents divide 52 percent against, 42 percent in favor of the set of reforms.

On the issue that has been a flash point in the national debate, 57 percent of all Americans now favor a public insurance option, while 40 percent are opposed. Support has risen since mid-August, when a bare majority, 52 percent, said they favored it. (In a June Post-ABC poll, support had been at 62 percent.)

If run by the states and available only to those who lack affordable private options, support for a public plan jumps to 76 percent.



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Roger Hicks, an emergency care physician from Grass Valley, Calif., holds a sign in favor of health care reform during a protest in San Francisco on Thursday.

Under those circumstances, even a majority of Republicans, 56 percent, would be supportive, about double their level of support without such a limitation.

Still 61 percent opposed the Senate Finance Committee's proposed tax on the most costly private health insurance plans to

help offset coverage costs, while 35 percent favor it.

The poll was conducted by conventional and cellular telephone from Oct. 15-19 among a random sample of 1,004 adults. The margin of sampling error for the full poll is plus or minus three percentage points.

U.S. poverty rate rises on new formula

BY HOPE YEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The level of poverty in America is even worse than first believed.

A revised Census Bureau formula for calculating medical costs and geographic variations show that approximately 47.4 million Americans last year lived in poverty, 7 million more than the government's official figure.

The disparity occurs because of differing formulas the Census Bureau and the National Academy of Science use for calculating the poverty rate. The Census Bureau's original formula, created in 1955, does not factor in rising medical care, transportation, child care or geographical variations in living costs. Nor does it consider non-cash government aid when calculating income.

The Census Bureau said it expedited release of the alternative numbers for this month because of the interest expressed by lawmakers and the Obama administration in seeing a fuller range of numbers. Legislation pending in Congress would mandate a switch to the revised formula, although the White House could choose to act on its own.



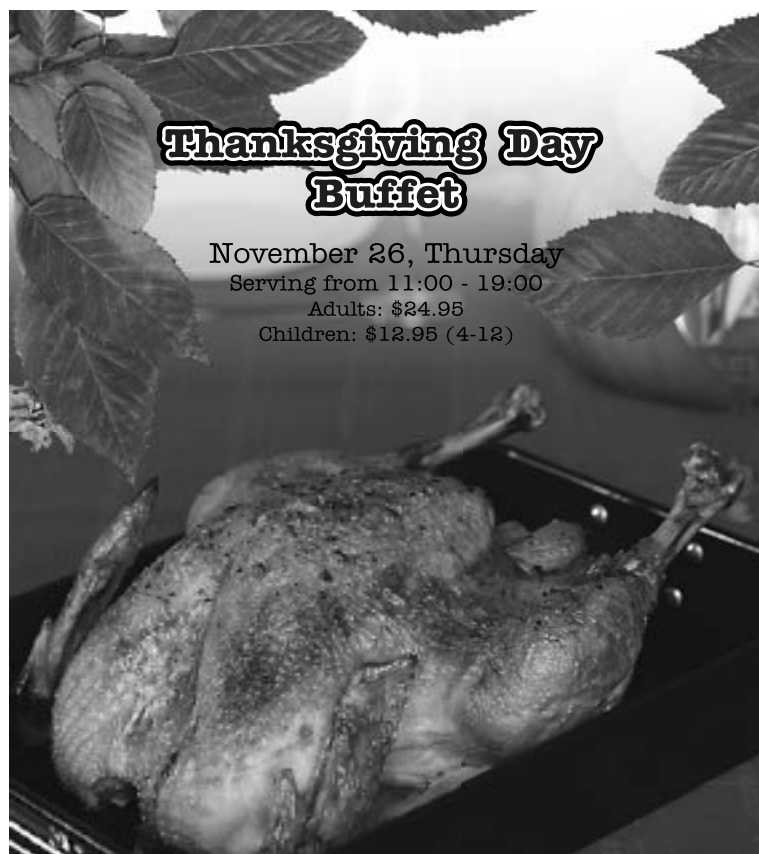
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IN THE WORLD



Bombers strike Islamic college amid offensive

By CHRIS BRUMMITT
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Suicide bombers attacked an Islamic university popular with foreigners in Pakistan's capital Tuesday, killing four people in apparent retaliation for an escalating army offensive on a Taliban and al-Qaida stronghold near the Afghan border.

An Associated Press reporter close to the battle zone in South Waziristan met a group of Taliban fighters who challenged army claims of progress in the four-day assault, saying they had pushed soldiers back from the strategic town of Kotkai.

Intelligence officials also said the army had been repelled from the town. They asked that their names not be used for operational reasons.

The suicide bombers hit a faculty building and a women's cafeteria at the International Islamic University, where nearly half its 18,000 students are women and about 2,000 are foreigners.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. After the bombings, the government ordered all educational institutions closed for a week in three of the country's four provinces.

"Those who call themselves

champions of Islam, they have today proved by attacking the Islamic university that they are neither friends of Islam nor Pakistan," said Interior Minister Rehman Malik, whose motorcade was stoned by angry students as he left the campus on the outskirts of Islamabad.

The blasts, which left bits of flesh and body parts strewn on the floor, killed four people and wounded at least 18 others. The two attackers were also killed, officials said.

The Pakistan army has deployed some 30,000 troops to South Waziristan against about 12,000 Taliban militants, including up to 1,500 foreign fighters, among them Uzbeks and Arabs. The region is also considered a major al-Qaida operations and training base.

In a brief statement, the military said troops backed by aerial bombing were advancing on three fronts, but were meeting stiff resistance from militants on high ground firing rockets and small arms. It reported four more soldiers were killed, bringing the army's death toll to 13, while 12 militants were slain, bringing their death toll to 90.

The United Nations said at least 112,000 people have fled South Waziristan.



PHOTOS BY ANJUM NAVEED/AP

Above: Two suicide attackers bombed a women's cafeteria and a faculty building at an Islamic university in Islamabad on Tuesday, killing at least four people. Top: A Pakistan security official surveys the damage.

N. Korea diplomat stops over in China prior to U.S. visit

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL — A senior North Korean diplomat stopped in Beijing on Tuesday en route to the United States for a rare visit aimed at laying the groundwork for direct negotiations with Washington, news reports said.

The North's deputy nuclear envoy, Ri Gun, told reporters at a Beijing airport he would "soon" go to the U.S., South Korean news agency Yonhap reported. Ri is scheduled to stay in Beijing for a few days for talks with Chinese officials, the report said. The South's YTN television network carried a similar report.

Ri's trip to the U.S. comes as Washington is considering North Korea's offer of one-on-one nuclear negotiations.

Ri is scheduled to attend a security forum in California early next week before flying to New York for a seminar. South Korean news reports have said he is expected to meet with the chief U.S. nuclear negotiator, Sung Kim, to set up bilateral talks.

U.S. State Department spokesman Ian Kelly told reporters Monday that American officials would attend the security forum, but no bilateral talks with North Korea were scheduled to date.

But a U.S. official said last week that Ri would likely discuss nuclear matters with a senior U.S. diplomat. The U.S. official spoke on condition of anonymity.

"I just wish Americans well and (that) everything goes well in the United States."

Kim Kye Gwan
North Korea nuclear negotiator

The U.S., which denies making any such threats, has said it is willing to engage the North in direct talks if it is assured such talks would lead to Pyongyang ending its boycott of six-nation disarmament talks.

The North's top nuclear negotiator, Kim Kye Gwan, expressed his hopes for "successful talks" in an interview aired Monday.

"I just wish Americans well and (that) everything goes well in the United States," Kim told the Fox News Channel. "And I want peace in the United States, so we are committing our own efforts for the good results and good future relations with the United Nations and for successful talks with the United States."

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AIDS vaccine shows marginal effectiveness

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
The Associated Press

Fresh results from the world's first successful test of an experimental AIDS vaccine confirm that it is only marginally effective and suggest that its protection against HIV infection may wane over time.

Yet the findings are exciting to scientists, who think that blood samples from the trial may show how to make a vaccine that does a better job.

The results also hint that the vaccine may work better in the general population than in those at higher risk of infection, such as gay men and intravenous drug users. It was the first time an AIDS vaccine was tested mostly in heterosexuals at average risk, and doctors have long known that how a person is exposed to HIV affects the odds of becoming infected.

"This study becomes a landmark. You can put it on a map and begin to figure out where you go from here," said Col. Jerome Kim, the U.S. Army doctor who co-led the trial.

Last month, researchers announced that a two-vaccine combination cut the risk of becoming infected with HIV by more than 31 percent in a trial of more than 16,000 volunteers in Thailand.

Full results, published online Tuesday by the New England Journal of Medicine and presented at a scientific conference in Paris, include two additional analyses that merely suggest the vaccine is beneficial, rather than providing definitive proof.

That's mostly because so few participants became infected — only 125 people, 10 times less than in previous HIV vaccine trials, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the study's main sponsor.

Critics had leaked one of the analyses last week, saying it showed the original results may have been a fluke. A California-based AIDS advocacy group criticized study leaders for not giving a fuller picture when they held their news conference last month.

"The bottom line is that those results are real," even though they are not good enough to justify using this vaccine now, said Dr. Alan Bernstein, executive director

of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, an alliance of governments, AIDS scientists, the World Health Organization and funders like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"We, for the first time, have evidence of protection, and the nitty gritty (arguments) to me don't matter a damn," Bernstein said.

The Thailand Ministry of Public Health conducted this trial, which used vaccines made from strains of HIV common in Thailand. They

are ALVAC, made by Sanofi Pasteur, and AIDSVAX, originally developed by VaxGen Inc. and now held by the nonprofit Global Solutions for Infectious Diseases.

The combo was tested in HIV-negative Thai men and women ages 18 to 30 at average risk of becoming infected. Half received four doses of ALVAC and two of AIDSVAX over six months; the rest received dummy shots. All were given condoms and counsel-

ing, and were followed for three years after vaccination ended.

New infections occurred in 51 of the 8,197 given vaccine and in 74 of the 8,198 who received dummy shots. That worked out to a 31 percent lower risk of infection for the vaccine group. In a smaller analysis of just the 12,452 participants who received all six shots exactly on schedule, there were 86 infections — 36 in the vaccine group and 50 given dummy shots.

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Causing a commotion

Madonna is loud, neighbor says

One of Madonna's New York neighbors says the superstar's loud music and frequent dance sessions are a problem.

Karen George of Manhattan lives above Madonna in a building on Central Park. She said in a lawsuit filed Friday against the building's co-op board that the Material Girl is using her apartment as a rehearsal studio, forcing neighbors to endure "blaring music, stomping and shaking walls," for up to three hours each day.

George complained about "unreasonably high-decibel, amplified music" and vibrations pouring through walls, ceilings and radiators.

The building's board says it has already threatened to evict Madonna.

Madonna's representatives didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Michelle Obama to appear on Leno

NBC said Monday that First lady Michelle Obama is set to respond to 10 "rapid-fire questions" in a comedy bit on "The Jay Leno Show." She'll participate via satellite from Washington.

Leno's Q&A routine with celebrities and newsmakers has featured Justin Timberlake, Sen. John McCain and LeBron James, among others.

'Hills' star arrested

Authorities say reality television star Stephanie Pratt has been arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

Los Angeles police say the 23-year-old Pratt was arrested early Sunday outside a party in Hollywood. Pratt is featured on the MTV show "The Hills" along with her brother, Spencer Pratt.

She was booked at Van Nuys jail on suspicion of driving under the influence and was released after posting \$5,000 bail.



Pratt

Jackson's ex-wife suing over comments

A Florida woman who told a television interviewer that Michael Jackson's ex-wife was only interested in getting money from the singer's family and wasn't interested in gaining custody of her two children is being sued.

In a filing last week, Deborah Rowe's attorneys said the mother

of Jackson's two oldest children should be awarded \$490,000 in general and punitive damages.

Lohan gets reprieve

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel granted a request by Lindsay Lohan, 23, to extend her three-year probation another year, but the district attorney warned jail time would be sought if Lohan stumbled again.

Lohan was ordered to appear in court Friday after her substance abuse treatment program notified the court she was missing meetings. Lohan was placed on probation in 2007 after she pleaded guilty to two counts of being under the influence of cocaine and no contest to two counts of drunken driving and one count of reckless driving. Lohan has now escaped further punishment three times after the program notified the court she violated rules.

hot dish

Solo star and former member of the The Fugees, Wyclef Jean, is collaborating with Rolling Stone writer Anthony Bozza on a book to be published by It Books, an imprint of HarperCollins.

Financial terms weren't disclosed and a release date hasn't been set. The book will cover Jean's life, from his childhood in rural Haiti to his musical career and philanthropic work, according to a statement from the publisher.



Jean

Rock band Def Leppard has canceled the final leg of its North American tour. The band said in a statement on its Web site that it canceled 23 shows in the U.S. and Canada "due to unforeseen personal matters."

Puerto Rican officials said Saturday they have canceled a concert featuring Grammy-winning band Calle 13 after the group's lead singer insulted the governor and other Latin American politicians during an MTV awards show. San Juan Mayor Jorge Santini said he was calling off the Halloween concert only because no contract had been signed for use of the city's Roberto Clemente Coliseum — not because of recent comments by singer Rene Perez, known as "Residente."



Perez

— The Associated Press



"You know, it's really weird. I mean, I thought the show would be successful. But the fact that we're still standing here some 20 years later and talking about it is very peculiar. But very happy."

— "Simpsons" creator and series executive producer Matt Groening, center, flanked by people costumed as, from left, Homer, Bart, Lisa and Marge Simpson holding baby Maggie, at The Simpsons Treehouse of Horror XX & 20th Anniversary Party in the Barker Hangar on Sunday in Santa Monica, Calif. The series is the longest-running American sitcom, the longest-running American animated program, and it recently surpassed "Gunsmoke" as the longest-running American primetime scripted entertainment program.

— via The Associated Press

Tokyo film festival has green theme

The Tokyo International Film Festival opened with stars including Hollywood actress Sigourney Weaver strolling a "green" carpet made of recycled plastic bottles.

The theme of the nine-day festival, which started Saturday and will feature more than 100 movies, is ecology. Films include "The Cove," a documentary that depicts an annual hunt of dolphins in Japan. Festival organizers added it at the last minute in part because of pressure from overseas.

While the movie has won more than a dozen awards worldwide, it is not among the 15 Japanese and foreign films competing for the festival's top prize of \$50,000. "The Cove" has provoked outrage over the dolphin hunt in the seaside town of Taiji in southwestern Japan, where 2,000 dolphins are killed every year, mostly for meat.

The film shows fishermen banging on poles to frighten the dolphins into a cove, where they are killed with spears. The cove is closed off by barbed wire, and the movie crew had to film most footage covertly.

"The Cove" will be screened Wednesday. Advance tickets for the film were already sold out, festival spokeswoman Haruna Koike said.

Weaver's "Avatar" will also be screened. It is one of the first major Hollywood 3-D releases that's not animation. Directed by James Cameron, creator of "Titanic" and "The Terminator," the sci-fi epic centers on humans linked into alien bodies to survive on a distant world.

Weaver waved and blew kisses to fans at the opening ceremony. Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama joined starlets walking the green carpet.



Actress Sigourney Weaver arrives at a green carpet for the screening of her latest film "Avatar" at the opening of the Tokyo International Film Festival in Tokyo on Saturday.

AP

WIRED WORLD

Family life, bridged by a keyboard

Families cope with a job market that pushes them apart

By SUZANNE PEREZ TOBIAS
The Wichita Eagle, Kan.

Bob Handshy talks with his wife, Rebekah, every day — about the weather, the kids' school projects, the new bathroom floor.

He chats with the kids. He plays Hangman with his son, Jace. He tells the children "Be good" and "I love you" and "Good night."

He just does it from 1,900 miles away. Bob Handshy, who was laid off from Cessna in June, is doing contract work for an aircraft manufacturing plant in Seattle. Rebekah, a stay-at-home mom, lives in Wichita with the couple's three kids.

They are among millions of American couples living apart — sometimes time zones or hemispheres apart — because of work. So-called commuter marriages may be increasing in Wichita as layoffs force more workers to look elsewhere for jobs, a local expert says.

"This isn't something we'd choose," said Rebekah Handshy, 26. "But right now it's the best option, so we deal with it and make it work."

In 2006, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that 3.6 million married Americans — not including separated couples — were living apart from their spouses. In March, Worldwide ERC, the association for work force mobility, released a report showing that three-fourths of relocation agents surveyed had dealt with at least one commuter marriage, a 53 percent increase since 2003.

"Families are continually changing," said Mike Duxler, a professor of social work at Newman University and manager of the Marriage For Keeps research project.

Today's families migrate more, Duxler said. "Technology and ease of travel means people have the ability to meet



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Above: Rebekah Handshy and her children Jordan, 8, Jersey, 19 months, and Jace, 7, talk with their father, Bob Handshy — who works in Seattle — through a computer, in Wichita, Kan. Right: Rebekah Handshy laughs as her daughter, Jersey, gets upset when her dad says goodbye. Far right: Jace Handshy watches his dad on the computer screen as Rebekah types a message.



and date and even marry and live at a distance, if necessary, so that is happening more and more."

Although commuter marriages may be increasing among middle-class professionals, they're hardly a new phenomenon. Duxler noted that military families regularly deal with separations, often while knowing that one person is in danger.

"That cycle of separation and reintegration is just a part of [military] life," Duxler said. "You expect it, so you're more prepared for it. But that doesn't mean it's easy."

Loneliness is a factor, Duxler said. Many, especially those with children, struggle with new routines and tasks.

"Even when you're hitting on all cylinders and everything is going well, marriage and raising a family is very difficult to do," Duxler said. "As you start stripping away those supports, it gets harder and harder."

Kelli and Daniel Butherus celebrated

their 10th anniversary this summer. Soon after, Daniel, a manufacturing engineer, was laid off from Cessna and moved to Fort Worth for a one-year contract job.

His pay is good, Kelli Butherus said. But "the hardest thing has been the evenings," Kelli said.

She says she's lucky, though. She talks to Daniel by phone every day — he texts her first thing in the morning to let her know he didn't oversleep — and he drives home to visit every other weekend.

Some couples adjust to commuter marriages more easily and even enjoy some aspects of it, Duxler said.

"Fewer day-to-day conflicts arise. You can do your own thing," he said. Add long weekends or visits where husband and wife focus intently on the relationship, and "it can almost have a honeymoon quality."

But "couples who want a relationship with a lot of intimacy can have a hard time with it," Duxler said. Disagreements can be harder to resolve.

The recession and ever-tightening job market have people looking greater distances for work and may prompt more couples to opt for commuter marriages, Duxler said.

"We didn't know if this would be two months or six months or a year," Rebekah Handshy said. "We hope it's short-term. He really wants to be here. He wants to be home."

In the meantime, Rebekah tends the house, pays the bills and cares for the children. She and Bob talk on their cell phones a few times a day. Every night at bedtime, she passes the phone around so Bob can wish the kids good night. Once a week, she gathers the children — ages 8, 7 and 19 months — around the laptop for a video chat with Dad.

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YOUR MONEY

Consumers want credit card rules to begin soon

BY EILEEN AJ CONNELLY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fed up with rising fees, interest rate hikes, limit cuts and other harsh changes to their credit cards, most consumers want the date for major reforms moved up.

But some observers say those impending reforms have prompted banks to issue even more of the changes at a time when credit card holders are down.

The latest proof that consumers are having trouble paying their credit card bills came last week, in JPMorgan Chase's third-quarter results.

The bank, the largest U.S. credit card issuer measured by both the number of cards it has out — more than 119 million — and the amount of debt its customers carry — over \$165 billion — reported a \$3.59 billion profit. But its credit card division lost \$700 million, as it set aside almost \$5 billion to cover bills consumers can't pay. It was the only one of seven units to post a loss for the quarter.

JPMorgan said nearly 6 percent of cardholders were at least 30 days behind on their payments.

A new survey done for Credit.com found that 45 percent of consumers said their card company has changed their agreements

by doing things like hiking fees, upping interest rates, raising the minimum payment due and cutting credit limits.

There was some hope among consumer advocates after the Credit Card Act was made law in May that card companies would ease up with such measures, but the opposite has happened, said Adam Levin, chairman of Credit.com, a consumer-oriented Web site. That's one reason that 56 percent of the people who responded to the survey said they want the new regulations moved up.

"They're doing what they do and they're going to continue to do what they do, until their ability to do what they do is curtailed," Levin said.

Congress is considering pushing up the date most of the Credit Card Act takes effect to Dec. 1, instead of Feb. 22. A bill that would change the date is currently before the House Financial Services Committee, and will be voted on in coming days.

But it's unlikely that moving the date will provide the help consumers are hoping for.

For one thing, the part of the law that requires banks to give consumers 45 days notice before they change terms like card interest rates, fees or minimum payments already took effect in

August.

That part also requires banks to offer consumers a chance to opt out of such changes by closing the account and paying off the balance at the old interest rate. But closing accounts can backfire on consumers by causing their credit scores to fall.

Meanwhile, the interest rate hikes and other changes keep coming.

The Credit.com survey found that 27 percent of respondents said their interest rate was increased, up from 19 percent in a similar survey done in June. Just short of 19 percent said fees were increased, up from 14 percent in June. And 17

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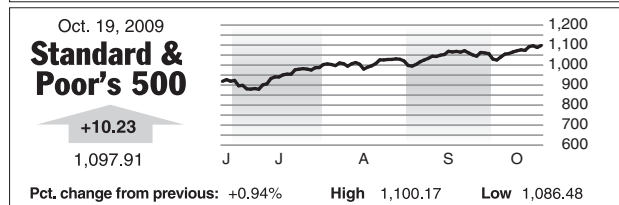
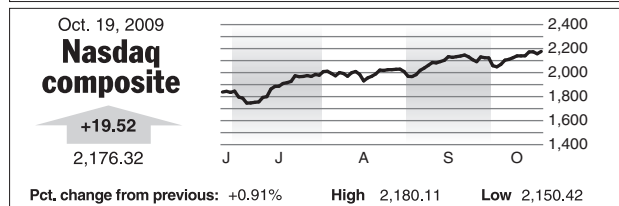
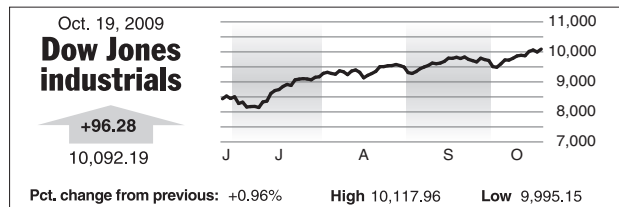
of consumers said their card company has changed their agreements by doing things like hiking fees, upping interest rates, raising the minimum payments and cutting credit limits, according to a recent Credit.com survey

percent said minimum payments were increased, up from 12 percent in June. The telephone survey of 1,000 people was done Oct. 10 and 11.

In the big picture, consumers shouldn't expect friendlier practices any time soon, no matter when the new regulations kick in.

That makes it more important that consumers take control of their own credit, and make sure they use it responsibly, said Levin, of Credit.com. "The reality with all of this is hopefully a better informed, better prepared consumer will be a better borrower, a less risky borrower over time."

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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Fees on credit cards have become a rarity in recent decades, but more people may soon have to decide between paying them or forfeiting their cards.

Annual credit card fees are making a comeback

BY CANDICE CHOI
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — How much would you pay to keep your credit card?

For Randy Dawson, a new \$29 annual fee pushes the limit. But he'll likely pay it to keep the Bank of America card he's had for five years.

"I feel as though they're holding me hostage over my credit score," said Dawson, a 46-year-old resident of Johns Creek, Ga. who owns a marketing firm.

The problem is that closing an account comes with repercussions, since the average length of your credit history and the total amount of your available credit factor into your credit score.

Annual fees for credit cards are a rarity today, but more cardholders may soon have to decide between paying them or forfeiting their cards. Bank of America this week said it's "testing" annual fees of \$29 to \$99 on select customers starting next year. Customers were chosen based on "risk and profitability," but the company declined to explain how it decided who was charged \$29, versus \$99, or anything in between.

Citigroup also notified a "small number" of customers in August that they'd be charged new annual fees. But spokesman Samuel Wang declined to give any further specifics.

Analysts say the moves are a harbinger of things to come.

"They're trying to understand what the market will bear in terms of annual fees," said Ben

Woolsey, director of consumer research for CreditCards.com. "They're seeing what level (the customers) will endure without going away."

Bank of America said it hasn't yet made any decisions about applying the fees more broadly. Yet how customers react to its test will no doubt play a role in any changes.

"They're trying to understand what the market will bear in terms of annual fees."

There are of course credit cards that already charge annual fees, including rewards cards tied to specific airlines or hotels. Subprime credit cards, marketed to those with poor credit, also come with a list of eye-popping

fees. But for most credit cards, including general purpose rewards cards that use point systems, annual fees have become an alien concept to many consumers.

Chase says it doesn't have any similar plans to test annual fees, and Wells Fargo declined to speculate on future practices.

But Greg McBride, a senior analyst with Bankrate.com, says other issuers are likely to start charging annual fees too. He noted that the fees might be applied selectively to the accounts that don't generate revenue, to avoid alienating the more profitable customers.

The American Bankers Association, a trade group based in Washington, D.C., hasn't yet recorded any data to show annual fees are making a comeback, according to Carol Kaplan, a spokeswoman for the trade group. The group says the vast majority of cards currently in circulation don't carry annual fees.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (Oct. 21)	88.00
South Korean won (Oct. 21)	1,138.00
Euro costs (Oct. 21)	\$1.5361
Dollar buys (Oct. 21)	€ 0.6510
British pound (Oct. 21)	\$1.69

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	\$.3770
British pound	\$1.6463
Canada (Dollar)	1.0405
China (Yuan)	6.8288
Denmark (Krone)	4.9801
Egypt (Pound)	5.4721
Euro	\$1.4957/6686
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7501
Hungary (Forint)	176.96
Israel (Shekel)	3.6990
Japan (Yen)	90.42
Kuwait (Dinar)	2.861
Norway (Krone)	5.5676
Philippines (Peso)	46.83
Poland (Zloty)	2.78
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3931
South Korea (Won)	1168.07
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0118
Thailand (Baht)	33.39
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4553

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.08
30-year bond	4.20

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Aren't guidelines in AR 670-1?

Can somebody please answer this question with a no-nonsense answer backed up with a reference: What are the guidelines for the wear of the combat patch? Aren't the guidelines for wearing those found in Army Regulation 670-1?

If there is a policy in black and white that states otherwise, I think a lot of soldiers would be interested in having that information. If the regulation is "the law," then why do senior leaders continue to force soldiers to wear certain patches?

I read "General: GIs can wear combat patch of choice" (article, June 2, 2008) about this subject, where it took a general officer to inform certain levels of leadership that AR 670-1 is clear in its wording and that soldiers are allowed to wear whichever patch they want at any time.

So why is this still even an issue today? On one hand, some senior leaders will imply that arguing for the regulation, and thus against their demands, shows younger troops that it is OK to question their leadership. However, when the leadership is clearly wrong, shouldn't it be questioned? Wouldn't it set a good example to soldiers that, as long as it's done respectfully, it's OK to question leadership when they are wrong?

Sadly, leaders tend to use their rank as a deterrent to soldiers questioning the validity of their policies, even if those policies go against the regulations. This just sets a bad example because one day, when these troops get to be in positions of leadership, they too will use the terrible excuse of "because I said so" and ignore the rules.

If that is acceptable, then why even have regulations to begin with? This nonsense of "add to, but not take away" needs to go the way of the dodo, especially in regard to AR 670-1.

Staff Sgt. James Crescigona
Camp Speicher, Iraq

Some things just don't matter

U.S. men and women are dying in Afghanistan and Iraq. The U.S. has humanitarian missions, what seems every week, to support those who have lost everything.

Returning veterans are suffering from all manner of trials — broken homes, post-traumatic stress disorder, [thoughts of] suicide and loss of limb. Additionally, back in "the world," the economy is still suffering and millions are out of jobs and homes.

Yet, the writer of "Just Colts and Pats? Oh my!" (letter, Oct. 7), in beautiful Germany no less, is complaining about the football game selection on American Forces Network.

I am a lifelong New Orleans Saints fan, and I, too, have been put off by their televised under-representation. But, man, it's just a game. Too often, I hear the traditional right of the soldier — the complaint — aimed at things that just don't matter, e.g., showers are too far away, no AFN in their rooms, not enough variety in the chow hall, etc.

I related the letter writer's complaint

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to my father, a Cold War warrior who was stationed in Alaska and Okinawa. He reminded me of his many deprivations and then continued on about how much worse his father and his father's father had it in their respective conflicts.

Your football team isn't on AFN this week? Try living in the South Pacific for more than two years with no air conditioning, eating all your food out of cans, no leave, mail once every two weeks (if you're lucky), no physical contact with the wife and constant threat of aerial bombardment.

Before putting pen to paper over a trivial matter, [we should] put ourselves in the shoes of those we've followed, or think of the many around us who live with so little.

Being American doesn't entitle us to television on demand.

Sgt. Christopher T. Ottinger
Camp Speicher, Iraq

The key to cybersecurity

Cybersecurity — a great deal of the problem arises not by the 70,000 malicious attacks daily, but how we got to this point in the first place ("Warfare in the wires," article, Oct. 20).

Every single person, from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Pvt. Joe Snuffy, believes he cannot exist without the Internet. In doing so, any office that deals with priority and critical information opens itself up to every hacker with a personal computer.

I have been in communications since 1977. Early on, we utilized "point to point" circuits. No hackers! There were hackers out there, but they had to find the communications wire that was among thousands of wires to tap into it.

Today, fiber optics is many times faster than copper and more secure. The minute you break it to tap into it, it sets off an alarm.

They also have devices that can put 48 data transmissions on one piece of glass the size of your hair. The fiber is in a bundle with up to 288 other fibers, giving thousands of possible data paths. If you send one bit down one fiber and another bit down an-

other fiber, what do you think the chance is of some kid getting your secure data? If you encrypt it also, he might as well go back to playing "Pong."

The answer to cybersecurity is not more government control, but better use of available resources.

Richard Martin
Camp Bucca, Iraq

Democracy will decide

Regarding "Nobel: Something for nothing" (letter, Oct. 19): First, allow me to congratulate President Barack Obama on his award. Seeing how I have never been a part of the Nobel committee, I have never had a say in whom, why or how they nominate and award the individuals that they do.

But that is what I really love about the system of democracy at work: the right to choose; the option to view things this way or that way; the option to "love it or leave it!" Love that last phrase now more than ever!

Another good phrase is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." So I do support the president on his push for health care. Health care is a need, not a want.

This will not happen by force. Democracy will decide. So it will not be the opinion of one man. Keep up the good work, Mr. President!

Michael Lazarus
Mosul, Iraq

Integrity is the issue

The arguments presented in "Do what's morally right" (letter, Oct. 19) are mostly straw men.

Profanity and adultery are not at all related to the rights of homosexuals. The do-what's-right argument is turned upon its head.

There is no moral aspect to homosexuality. Integrity, however, is actually an issue here. The laws and regulations as written allow homosexuals to serve [in the military] if they lie about their sexual orientation. While in many cases this is a lie of omission, it almost certainly weighs on folks' conscience.

Capt. John Rolsen
Camp Victory, Iraq

'Peanuts': always a classic

I want to thank you for keeping the "Classic Peanuts" comic strip in your paper, long after "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz passed on.

I noticed the Sept. 27 strip is dated 1962. I recall those days of my childhood, and this one took me back. I was seated on the couch next to my dad as we/he read the comics — "Peanuts" in particular. I loved my dad. He was a good man, and he loved me as well.

My own boys are gone and off to college now. I hope I have given to them the same heritage.

So, again, thanks. You made my day.
Nelson Harrold
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

By GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Respect the cross' secular relevance, too

By GREGORY RODRIGUEZ
Los Angeles Times

I'm all for the separation of church and state. I believe that government endorsement of any particular religious sect or tradition has a corrosive effect on both the state and the faith in question. But I also think the attempt to separate religion from government is veering toward a foolish, parochial and ultimately impossible quest to separate religion from culture.

Last week, Peter Eliasberg of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California argued the case of *Salazar v. Buono* before the U.S. Supreme Court. The case, which involves a cross that has stood, in various forms, for 75 years as a memorial to World War I veterans in the Mojave Desert, elicited a heated exchange between Eliasberg and Justice Antonin Scalia.

In a debate over whether the cross, which is on property surrounded by the Mojave National Preserve, violates the First Amendment ban on the establishment of religion, Eliasberg argued that a cross "is the predominant symbol of Christianity" that "signifies that Jesus is the son of God and died to redeem mankind from our sins." Therefore, it shouldn't be allowed to "stand alone" as a war memorial in a national park. Scalia offered a different definition. "The cross is the most common symbol of the resting place of the dead," he said. The *Los Angeles Times* reported that Scalia "sharply disagreed" with Eliasberg.

Eliasberg responded: "I have been in Jewish cemeteries. There is never a cross on a tombstone of a Jew," he said.

Scalia wasn't persuaded: "I don't think you can leap from that to the conclusion that the only war dead that the cross hon-

ors are the Christian war dead. I think that's an outrageous conclusion."

I see Eliasberg's point, but Scalia's notion that the cross has become a generalized symbol of memorial strikes me as true, too. Sure, you might suspect that Scalia, a practicing Roman Catholic and a well-known conservative, is simply seeking an argument that would allow the cross in this case to pass constitutional muster, but he's also accurately pointing to how entangled religion and culture are.

Eliasberg's reading that the cross has a specialized religious significance symbolizing the son of God who died for mankind's sins seems way too narrow an interpretation. Does it mean that? Yes. Does it have other significance? Absolutely.

Consider another common symbol, the Star of David. It is a symbol of Judaism, but it is also an ethnic, national and political symbol. It'd be hard, then, to say that its significance is entirely spiritual or theological.

Sometimes, religious symbols have historical significance that in some contexts can transcend their theological meaning. Five years ago, under threat of a lawsuit by the ACLU, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to remove a cross from the county seal. In the iconography of the seal, which had a number of symbolic images on it, the cross stood for the Catholic missions whose founding in the late 18th century signaled the dawn of modern Los Angeles history. But the ACLU claimed it represented "an impermissible endorsement of Christianity by the county government." The supervisors didn't fight it, but they should have.

In his 1996 book "The Truth of Broken Symbols," philosopher and theologian Robert C. Neville observed that in predom-



CHRISTINE WETZEL, LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL/AP

Jacob Overson, 16, walks near the tarp-covered cross after Easter sunrise service at the Mojave National Preserve in southern California in April 2003.

inantly secular societies, religious symbols often lose their theological specificity and become broadly generalized. In fact, he points to the American military cemetery in Cambridge, England, where a "sign explains that a Star of David on a tombstone signifies the grave of a Jewish sol-

dier whereas a cross signifies 'all others.'" Likewise, he notes that "clergy blessing governmental ceremonies are performatively invoking divine aid by their very presence but are likely to pray in terms so general as not to be specific to their own religion's symbol system."

Culture is moving toward greater syncretism, something you can see in the increase in interracial marriage and the election of a black president. As for religion, a recent survey found that Americans who don't identify with any religion — now 15 percent overall and 22 percent of all adults ages 18 to 29 — make up the fastest-growing religious "tradition" in the country.

The problem with the ACLU's approach to religious symbols is that it's zero sum and old school — it is, dare I say it, puritanical. Its narrow vision could rob the public sphere of symbols we need to understand who we are, what we're about and where we came from.

The truth is that even as we become a more secular country, religion will continue to be an integral part of our society, history and culture. Indeed, our very notions of politics and good government are the legacy of zealously religious people. Even our ideals of religious freedom and church/state division have roots in the theological convictions of Colonial and Revolutionary-era Baptists and Presbyterians as much as in the Enlightenment. Even if we don't as a nation profess one faith or another, religion is at the core of American identity. To seek to root it out of civic life and culture altogether is not only impossible, it's silly.

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Schools ignoring Cub Scout motto: Do your best

By DAN K. THOMASSON
Scripps Howard News Service

Every few weeks comes a tale from one school or another so unbelievably stupid that it makes one shudder with disbelief at the lack of judgment in the administration of the American education system.

We should collectively ask whether the people we designate to teach and look after our children most of their daylight hours have ever been tested for common sense. The answer would be obvious.

What in the world am I talking about? Well, it is called zero tolerance and it treats every incident — no matter how innocent or incidental or actually threatening — the same. It is as if the Queen of Hearts has taken over the school and is constantly shouting, "Off with their heads!"

The latest example of this disreputable policy instituted in a number of school districts around the nation to prevent such actual incidents of chaos as the Columbine High School tragedy is so pathetic that it utterly discredits the practice by doing more harm than the damage it is designed to avoid. It would be almost laughable if it weren't so tragically flawed.

Until a public outcry forced his school board to back down, a 6-year-old boy in Delaware faced 45 days in reform school because he had the temerity to bring his new Cub Scout all-in-one knife, fork and spoon rig to school so he could eat lunch with it. He was so anxious to be a Cub he just had to try it out. It might as well have been a lethal switchblade or a hatchet under zero tolerance and in the eyes of those "educators" who administer it. The boy's age and intentions were irrelevant.

The young man was forced to appear with two adults who could testify to his character during a hearing on his appeal to be forgiven. The mental giants, presumably including his principal, were told among other things that he was so fond of school he insisted at times on wearing a coat and tie, obviously making him a person of interest to the same kind of authorities who the Supreme Court recently decided had violated the constitutional rights of a seventh-grade girl when they strip-searched her over ibuprofen pills under a similar policy. She didn't have any pills.

According to press accounts, some in Delaware think that officials should have case-by-case discretion in applying the law and a bill was introduced in the state Legislature to accomplish that. But apparently it was too radical an idea. The inci-

dent that prompted the proposal involved a third-grade girl whose grandmother baked a birthday cake for her class and unthinkingly sent a knife along to cut it. The teacher called the principal to report the girl but not until after she (the teacher) used the knife to cut the cake. Now that is really being practical. One wonders if she got a raise for such ingenuity.

Examples of the absence of common sense go on and on under this policy. More and more parents are opting for homeschooling rather than subject their youngsters to such arbitrary discipline that at best can result only in suspension and at worst long-term expulsion. Taking the discretion out of the policy apparently came about because of studies showing that African-American youngsters were being more severely disciplined for the same of-

fense. In typical educator fashion, a solution to this abhorrent discrimination was to apply the policy wholesale rather than attempting to actually bring equity for everyone into the situation.

There is no question that teachers and principals in many districts have their hands full with discipline. But dealing with children at the elementary school level requires them to recognize that a child is a child and if he turns in a knife, as one youngster did, after finding it in his backpack where he had left it after a hiking trip, he was doing the right thing and should be rewarded for his honesty and diligence rather than being suspended as he was.

But that would require an element of horse sense in a world where it is becoming increasingly obvious there is none.

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Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS

Third convicted in slaying of editor

CA MARTINEZ — A third man has been convicted in the killing of a PC World magazine editor during a home invasion robbery.

A jury found 25-year-old Montrell Hall guilty of murder, robbery and other charges for the slaying of Rex Farrance in his Pittsburgh home in January 2007.

Hall was convicted in a retrial after jurors in his first trial said they could not reach a verdict.

The 59-year-old Farrance was shot in the chest after Hall and two others burst into his house and demanded money. Authorities say a large quantity of marijuana was found at the home.

Officials crack down on vets over rabies shots

TX HOUSTON — Officials have sent a letter to all Houston veterinarians warning that they may be fined up to \$500 for each day they violate a city ordinance to identify pet owners whose dogs and cats receive rabies shots.

The warning comes after more than two decades of some veterinarians' quiet refusal to follow a 1985 law requiring them to turn over the pet owners' names.

Houston officials want the names of hundreds of thousands of pet owners who allegedly haven't obtained the required city license for their animals, which could mean a citation. Such licenses could generate more than \$1 million for the city's general fund.

Judge protects bighorns from domestic sheep

ID BOISE — A federal judge has ordered a western Idaho rancher to keep his sheep off his family's traditional grazing ground on public land, at least temporarily, to protect wild native bighorns.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill ruled that a pact between a Salmon River rancher and the state to keep his domestic herd separate from bighorns on a Bureau of Land Management allotment fell short of a 2009 law aimed at helping Idaho's ranching industry and protecting the native wild sheep.

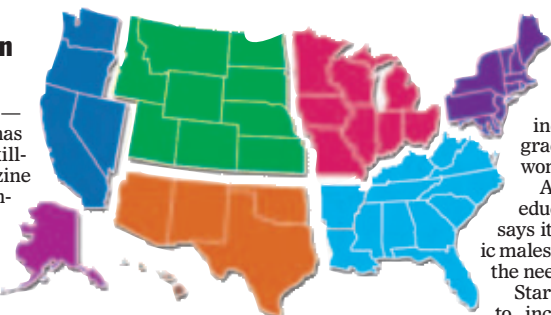
The Wilderness Society, Western Watersheds Project and Hells Canyon Preservation Council had all contended that a bighorn herd near Riggins was in danger of catching deadly diseases if the allotment near Partridge Creek opened to domestic herds on schedule.

Female chimp, 49, dies at Toledo Zoo

OH TOLEDO — The Toledo Zoo says one of the oldest female chimpanzees in the North American zoo population has died.

Fifi, a 49-year-old chimp came to the Toledo Zoo in 1963 at the age of 3 and was easily identified by a small white toy alligator she carried for nine years.

The zoo said that Fifi's keepers noticed recently that she seemed stiff and tired. After improving, she then appeared disoriented and deteriorated rapidly until she died.



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A necropsy revealed possible blood vessel abnormalities in her brain. Further tests will be done.

City considers ban on driving with cell phones

HI WAILUKI — Maui officials are considering banning drivers from using any electronic device while behind the wheel.

The proposal introduced by Maui County Council Member Joe Pontanilla follows a push nationwide to ban the use of devices, including cell phones, that distract drivers.

Honolulu already has a ban in place.

The bill would carry fines of up to \$100 for a first offense and up to \$250 for every subsequent violation.

The proposal exempts drivers calling 911.

State to push for more Latinos in college

TX DALLAS — A plan to improve the number of Latinos attending college will be considered by the state higher education board.

A recent report from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board indicates Hispanics are the least likely group to attend college and are "well below" meeting

improvement goals. The Dallas Morning News reported.

State figures also indicate male college graduates also lag behind women across all races.

A University of Texas educator, Victor Saenz, says it's common for Hispanic males to make sacrifices over the needs of the family.

Starting a pilot program to increase the number of counselors at certain high schools along with reaching out to more Spanish-speaking parents are among the ideas the board is considering.

Weighty issue dominates N.J. governor's race

NJ TRENTON — There are weighty issues in New Jersey's tight race for governor — and then there are issues of weight.

Republican challenger Chris Christie's Henry VIII-like girth has become a front-and-center topic of discussion ever since Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine ran a commercial claiming that Christie "threw his weight around" to get out of traffic violations.

Corzine spokesman Sean Darcy insisted the governor "has no interest in Chris Christie's appearance."

But Corzine, when asked by a newspaper whether he thought Christie was fat, Corzine touched his bare pate and responded, "Am I bald?"

Tough kid: Toddler fine after 30-foot fall

CA ANTIOCH — Talk about a tough kid: A California toddler is alive after falling 30 feet from an apartment window and landing on concrete and rocks.

Contra Costa County Fire Capt. Charles Thomas said the 22-month-old boy was alert and crying after the three-story plunge in Antioch that left him with just a cut on his abdomen, a bruised lung and a bump on his head.

The boy appeared to have climbed onto furniture near an open window and fell after pushing against the screen. He landed on concrete and a bed of rocks.

Lawmaker tries to end debate over his name

LA NEW ORLEANS — You too can be on a first-name basis with a freshman congressman from New Orleans — because people can't seem to get his last name right.

Republican Anh "Joseph" Cao (gow) won election last December. Since then, he has heard his name mispronounced — usually as "cow" or "chow" — by newscasters and public officials, including President Barack Obama.

And he's noticed debates about the pronunciation on Internet blogs. So he issued a tongue-in-cheek open letter over the weekend, humorously trying to set the record straight.

To pronounce it correctly, start with a hard "G" sound, as in go or grass, and then make it rhyme with "pow" or "how."

But in the end, Cao seems resigned to his last name being botched.

"On second thought, never mind," he advises. "Just call me Joseph."



Spooky tour

Kevin Brown, portraying the deceased Robert Findlay, walks the graves at Riverside Cemetery in Macon, Ga., during "Spirits In October," a walking tour of the cemetery.



Stark skills

Kai Carter-Stark, 3, rides his chopper on the sidewalk along Main Street in Daytona Beach, Fla., during Biketoberfest.



Back together again

Brian Abbott Sr. hugs his son, Brian Jr., as members of the Ohio Army National Guard's 135th Military Police Company reunite with their families in Bainbridge Township, Ohio. Abbott was deployed to Baghdad for a year.



Walking with purpose

Despite the rain, residents participate in the 2009 American Heart Association START! Fairfield County Heart Walk, which took place at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport, CT.



Wave of the wild
Logan Veitz, 4, dressed as a dinosaur for Halloween, watches a walrus swim behind glass at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash. Children, many dressed as animals and superheroes, participated in the annual Zoo Boo event, which offered trick-or-treaters a scavenger hunt.



Mom's little pumpkin
Sheyla Posadas, 2, helps her parents shop for a pumpkin at Fresh Farms market in Chicago.



Service snake
Daniel Greene holds Redrock, a 5-foot boa constrictor that Green says warns him about his grand mal seizures, in Shelton, Wash. The snake qualifies as a service animal under the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act.

Simulator offers look at life with schizophrenia

TX LONGVIEW — Social worker Roy Brady said investing about 10 minutes to sit through a simulated schizophrenia experience gave him a new appreciation of what people with the mental illness go through. “I can’t imagine living life on a daily basis and dealing with that,” Brady said after experiencing visual hallucinations and distortions, voices, wind effects and smells that came through a three-dimensional virtual symptom simulator. Paula Hendrix, president of the Greater Longview chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, said Brady’s experience is just what the nonprofit group is hoping to achieve with the Mind-Storm simulation device.

Elvis’ hair sells for \$15K at Chicago auction

IL CHICAGO — A clump of hair believed to have been trimmed from Elvis Presley’s head when he joined the Army in 1958 has sold for \$15,000 at a Chicago auction house. Also among the 200 Elvis-related items up for grabs at the Leslie Hindman Auctioneers in Chicago was a shirt that once belonged to the King, which sold for \$52,000. The buyer of the hair paid \$15,000 plus an additional \$3,300 in auction house fees. Other items on offer included scarves, photos from the reception of Presley’s 1967 wedding to Priscilla, Christmas cards he sent and lots of records. Elvis dolls and Elvis Pez dispensers numbered among the memorabilia. All the items had belonged to the late Gary Pepper, who ran a fan club and was a friend. Pepper, who had cerebral palsy, died in 1980.

Officials arrest three in visa scheme

CA WEST COVINA — A West Covina, Calif., attorney and two business associates were arrested on suspicion of selling dozens of fake employment visas and then laundering the profits by buying vacant burial plots, authorities said. Kelly Einstein Darwin Giles, 46, the owner of a West Covina law practice was taken into custody by customs agents at Los Angeles International Airport as he returned from a trip, authorities said. His two business associates, Joseph Wai-man Wu, 50, and his wife, May Yin-man Wu, 43, were arrested too. All three were charged with visa fraud. The trio are accused of setting up nearly a dozen fake companies in order to file fraudulent employment visa applications, many of them for H-1B visas, which are reserved for foreign workers with specialized skills, authorities said. The defendants charged between \$6,000 and \$50,000 to file fraudulent visa petitions on behalf of applicants, authorities said.

Billions in unclaimed bonds date to WWII

MT HELENA — The federal government is facing a lawsuit over billions in unclaimed bonds that date back to the patriotic fundraising efforts of

World War II, leading to a showdown between states who say they should be given the money and a Treasury Department that claims ownership. World War II sparked an unprecedented bond-buying campaign, spurred on by one of the largest advertising campaigns ever seen. Most American families bought at least one bond at the time and many never cashed them in — thanks in part to a 40-year maturity in the bonds. More than \$16 billion worth of the bonds are unclaimed, either lost or forgotten with the death of the original purchasers.

St. Anthony of Padua statue is beheaded

TX SAN ANTONIO — A 54-year-old statue of St. Anthony of Padua, namesake of the city of San Antonio, has been beheaded. A spokesman for the San Antonio Roman Catholic archdiocese says witnesses reported seeing a man shouting obscenities in the city’s Main Plaza, near San Fernando Cathedral. Deacon Pat Rodgers tells the San Antonio Express-News that the man grew agitated as he ran through the courtyard and past the statue. Rodgers says the man stopped and hurled a rock at the statue’s head, knocking off the head. Rodgers says the head survived the fall from the 15-foot statue intact. The statue is now shrouded in a black plastic bag until repairs can be made.

Gas driller says it is recycling wastewater

PA HARRISBURG — One of the most active exploration companies on the Marcellus Shale natural gas formation says it is using a water-recycling system it devised. Oil and gas company Range Resources Corp. said it is reusing all the water it recovers from newly drilled wells in its core exploration area in southwestern Pennsylvania. That adds up to millions of gallons of water being reused in Washington County. The Fort Worth, Texas-based company says the recycling is cutting drilling costs, water use and trucking traffic while eliminating the dumping of wastewater into waterways. Solids are filtered on location from the flowback before the water is piped above ground to a central impoundment.

Drug testing company sees drop in opiate use

HI HONOLULU — The state’s largest locally owned drug testing company says it has found a drop in the use of opiates and prescription drugs with opiates among workers and job candidates it tested. Diagnostic Laboratory Services Inc. said its third quarter test results show the number of people using either legal or illegal opiate drugs fell to under a quarter of 1 percent. That’s down from more than half of 1 percent a year ago. Other test results for marijuana, amphetamine and cocaine remained relatively unchanged. Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

If you don't know why you do certain things, you just may find out soon. The sun is leaving lovely Libra for the mysterious realm of Scorpio. Libran energy is about building relationships, getting along and team building; whereas, Scorpio deals in unseen forces, secret motivators and human nature. We'll be learning how to see what's invisible.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 22). This year is a turning point. You will gain objectivity and finally understand why you are a remarkable being. You'll be strengthened by what you do alone and will gain inner knowledge to last the ages. Commitments are made in November. February brings new income. March is the most romantic. Cancer and Aquarius people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Capitalize on today's bout of self-awareness by taking a personal inventory. What behavior do you want to let go of, and what's worth keeping? Keep in mind that your quirks might be the charms that others enjoy most about you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have the means to do something, but you still aren't sure you want to. Will it really bring the change or enjoyment you want it to bring? Consider that there also might be a less expensive way to go about this project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Waking up a little earlier than usual gives you a few precious moments of clarity about some bigger issues. Good timing, because a decision is coming up that will shift things considerably.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to stress yourself out, but it's important to handle your responsibilities. If you're too relaxed about existing obligations, it will adversely affect your reputation. An outstanding bill is hovering around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're basically the same person you were a

year ago, but today you'll see something new in you that wasn't there before, and you'll like it. You truly grow more beautiful with the passage of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The social scene gets exciting. A new situation calls for caution and delicacy, but you just might be enjoying yourself too much to notice. Well, high spirits count for something! Singles: There's romance where you least expect it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Getting paid or not getting paid — it makes no difference. You know how to get happy. This is a good time to develop a natural, if unprofitable, skill. It all comes out in the balance, and in the meantime you'll have a ball.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your devil-may-care attitude toward life is just one of the things that make you so attractive. You'll meet your match in mischief making or train a junior rabble-rouser. Someone has to entertain the crowd!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Can you believe people pay you for this? Yes, it's hard work, but once in a while you feel lucky that it's your hard work. Today is one of those once-in-a-whiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your bank account may be on your list of places you least want to look, but a little attention to finance brings big dividends now. You are likely to stop a slow money leak or find a new source to trickle into your main flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a gift for witty interaction on social networking websites and also in real life. The adulation you receive is well-deserved, if fickle. Someone outside your usual circle is paying attention.

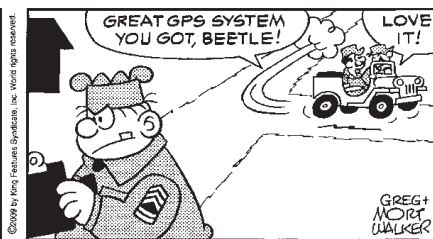
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not imagining: Someone is glancing your way. Fleeting eye contact is a classic among the flirter's repertoire. You know this game, too, and will have fun if you play it today.

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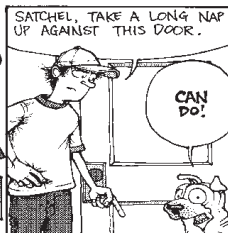
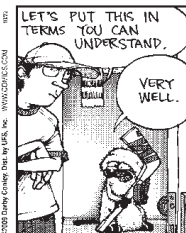
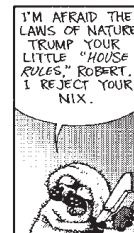
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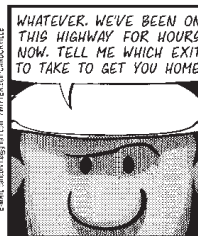
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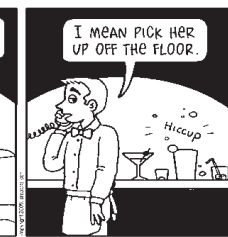
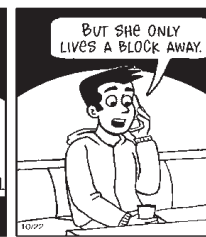
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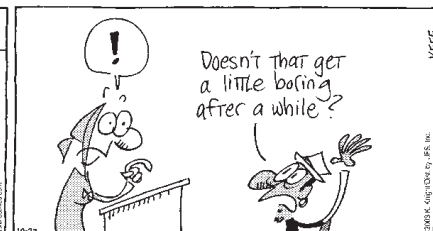
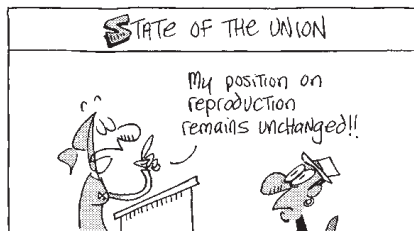
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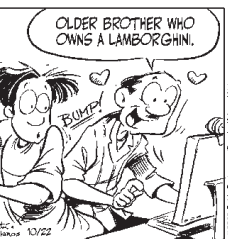
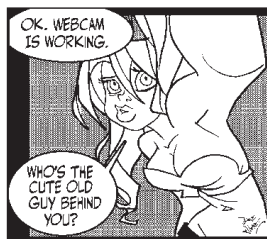
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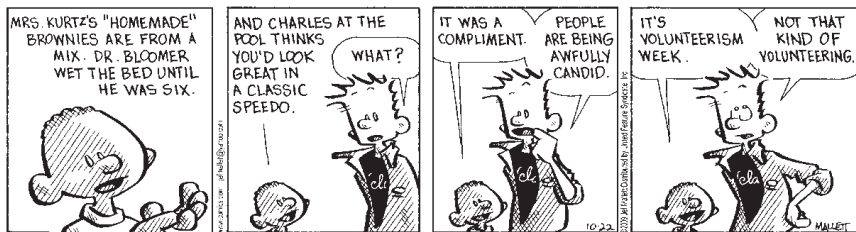
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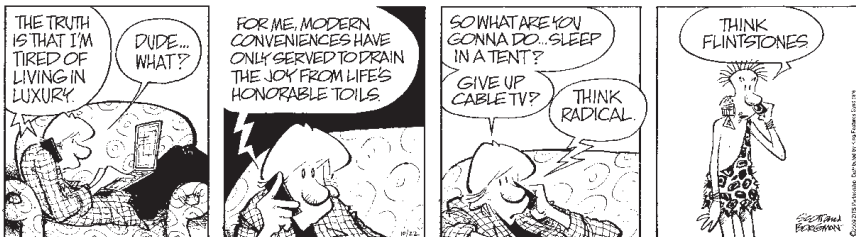
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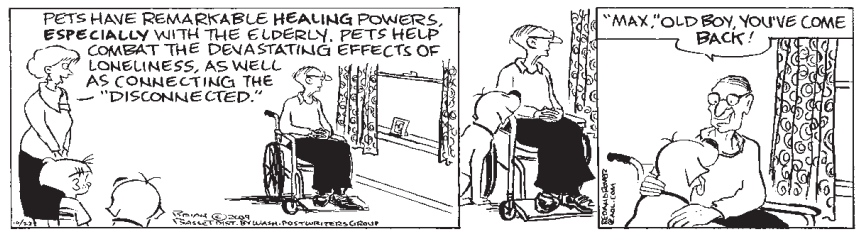
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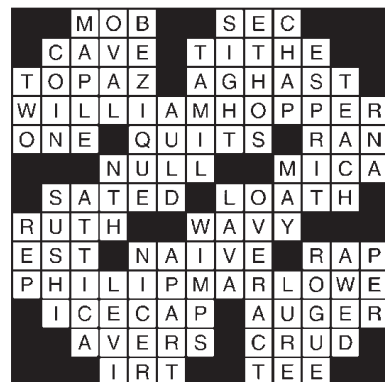
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- 8 Unuttered "alas"
- 12 Lawrence Berra
- 13 Id counterpart
- 14 Dangling site
- 15 Dealer's foe
- 16 Scarlet
- 17 Misfortunes
- 18 Nativity setup
- 20 Get steamed up
- 22 E.T.'s venue
- 26 Grown-up
- 29 Churchill's gesture
- 30 Needle-fish
- 31 "And — bed": Pepys
- 32 Plaything
- 33 Mine, in part
- 34 Dead heat
- 35 Stir-fry pan
- 36 Clumsy
- 37 Nirvana, maybe
- 40 "Simon —"
- 41 Method
- 45 Use a wooden spoon
- 47 Vanna's cohort
- 49 Matador's foe
- 50 War, to Gen. Sherman
- 51 Altar affirmative
- 52 Once more, in the Ozarks
- 53 Simple
- 54 Neither mate
- 55 Poolroom triangle

DOWN

- 1 Harmonization
- 2 Frost
- 3 Shrek is one
- 4 Small flute
- 5 Jaunty chapeau
- 6 Time of your life?
- 7 Arthur of old TV
- 8 Cut corners
- 9 Collaborating (with)
- 10 Hairspray alternative
- 11 Guys
- 19 Shack
- 21 Exploit
- 23 Bring out
- 24 Kvetch
- 25 Formerly, formerly
- 26 Italian wine
- 27 Slay
- 28 Knife and fork, e.g.
- 32 Tennis tactic
- 33 Low-rated, as a hotel or a movie
- 35 Distort
- 36 Unfriendly
- 38 Way before deadline
- 39 Nancy, the first woman in Parliament
- 42 Frat-party garb
- 43 Idle of Monty Python
- 44 Tony Shalhoub series
- 45 The woman
- 46 Afternoon affair
- 48 Commotion

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals Y

AFN Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at www.myafn.net

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(2:30) Movie "Silverado"	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals	(1985) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. Old West drifters shoot it out with sheriff, clan.	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Tavis Smiley		The American Veteran	Top Gear	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(:40) Zach Bell		Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Recon Revisited			
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	Behind the Scenes	Ent. Studios	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	King of the Hill "SerPunt"		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	Ent. Studios			Downrange	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	The Dr. Oz Show	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Ft. Hood on Track	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Sonny With a Chance	Movie "Transformers"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	American Dad	Briefing Encore	Dancing With the Stars		The Ultimate Fighter
19:30	The King of Queens	Zoey 101	(2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.	Today	Family Guy	Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	American Dreams "And Promises to Keep"			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "All In"	Battleground	Wedding Day		Gotti's Way
20:30						Air Force Football			Harlem Heights
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210	(:45) Movie "Signs" (2002, Suspense) Mel Gibson. A widower investigates huge circles in his crop fields.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives "Marry Me a Little"		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
21:30						Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Junk Mail"	Sports	SportsNation
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Week-Pentagon	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Changes"		Newsroom		Tour of Duty	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30			(:45) X2: X-Men United		Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

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00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Sonny With a Chance	(11:45) Movie "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militant pursues the mutants.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	EXchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Zoey 101		Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
1:00	Headline News	American Dreams "And Promises to Keep"			Today's Air Force	Today's Air Force	The Starter Wife "The French Disconnection"		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report				Judge Judy	Around the Services	Ghost Whisperer "Big Chills"		Family Guy
2:00	American Dad	Beverly Hills, 90210	(:15) Movie "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.	Newsroom	House "97 Seconds"	Downrange			The Ultimate Fighter
2:30	Family Guy					This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "All In"	Degrassi: Next Generation		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Psych Gus' dad is a suspect.	Sports	Gotti's Way
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			Harlem Heights
4:00	The Jay Leno Show	7th Heaven "Changes"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Junk Mail"		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	Movie "Signs" (2002, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix. A widower investigates huge circles in his crop fields.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	All Hands TV	Namaste Yoga	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Rolie Polie Olie		Glenn Beck	Headline News	Recon	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
6:00		Sesame Street			Good Morning America	Downrange	Essence of Emeril	Around the Horn	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman					Around the Services	Grill It! With Bobby Flay	Pardon the Interruption	
7:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Behind the Scenes	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	E! News Entertainment news	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Blue's Clues	Entertainment Studios.com	NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon	The Daily 10		
8:00		Go, Diego, Go!	Hollywood Dailies	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	ER "Ruby Redux"	Sports	Sports
8:30	Judge Judy	Handy Manny	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
9:00	House "97 Seconds"	The Wonder Pets!	Movie "A Child Lost Forever" (1992) Beverly D'Angelo. Genetic mother accuses adoptive mother of son's murder.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	FNG Useful benefits.	Desperate Housewives "God, That's Good"		
9:30		Little Einsteins				State Dept Briefing			
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Air Force Football	Grey's Anatomy "My Favorite Mistake"		
10:30		Super Why!				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	Little Einsteins	(10:50) Movie "Griffin and Phoenix" (2006) Dermot Mulroney. A dying man falls in love with a woman who has a secret.	Anderson Cooper 360	The Dr. Oz Show	The Grill Sergeants	Judge Judy	Sports	
11:30		The Wonder Pets!				Fit For Duty	Judge Alex		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	CSI: NY "American Dreamers"		
12:30	ESPNEWS	Go, Diego, Go!			The King of Queens	Around the Services			
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	(12:50) Movie "Muriel's Wedding" (1994, Romance-Comedy) Toni Collette, Bill Hunter.	Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Challenge		
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House				Downrange			
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson		(:45) Movie "First Knight" (1995, Adventure) Sean Connery, Richard Gere, Julia Ormond. King Arthur tries to protect Guinevere.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Decorating Cents	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Tavis Smiley		The Grill Sergeants	Top Gear		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	FNG Useful benefits.			
16:30		(:40) Zach Bell		Nightly Business Report	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:00	Dr. Phil	(:05) The Fairly OddParents	Biography "Cameron Diaz" Cameron Diaz.	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Downrange	That '70s Show "Long Away"		Yo Momma
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Nightly Business Report		This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:00	The Dr. Oz Show	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	The O'Reilly Factor	Around the Services	The American Veteran	The Colbert Report		Family Guy "Road to Rupert"
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Briefing Encore	America's Next Top Model "Petite Ninja Warriors"		Two-A-Days
19:00	Access Hollywood	Aaron Stone	Movie "The Island" (2005, Action) Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Djimon Hounsou. A mercenary pursues two clones on the run in 2019.	Today	(:25) 30 Rock "Reunion"	Fit For Duty			Busted
19:30	The King of Queens	That's So Raven			Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Battleground	Grey's Anatomy Izzie gets a surprise visit from her mother.		The Real World CJ and Joey search for romance.
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Made "Ice Hockey" Hockey player.		Today		Recon Revisited			A Double Shot at Love
20:30					The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	Army Wives "Best Laid Plans"		
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210 "A Night to Remember"	(:25) Movie "Glory Road" (2006, Drama) Josh Lucas, James Aaron. A coach leads the first all-black NCAA team.	Today		Pacific Report	Seinfeld	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
21:30						Briefing Encore	Friends		
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation		America's Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey		Newsroom		Army Newswatch			
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Teased"			Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		
23:30			(:35) Movie Armageddon						

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Aaron Stone	(11:35) Movie "Armageddon" (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	That's So Raven		Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Burn Notice "Dead Drop"		Yo Momma
1:00	Headline News	Made "Ice Hockey" Hockey player.			Judge Judy	The American Veteran			The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services			Family Guy "Road to Rupert"
2:00	Rules of Engagement	Beverly Hills, 90210 "A Night to Remember"	(:25) Movie "The Island" (2005, Action) Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Djimon Hounsou. A mercenary pursues two clones on the run in 2019.	Newsroom	House "Guardian Angels"	Downrange	America's Next Top Model The judges choose the winner.		Two-A-Days
2:30	(:25) 30 Rock "Reunion"					All Hands TV			Busted
3:00	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Degrassi: Next Generation		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	Medium "Heads Will Roll"	Sports	The Real World CJ and Joey search for romance.
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			A Double Shot at Love
4:00	The Jay Leno Show	7th Heaven "Teased"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld	College Football Live	
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(:50) Movie "Glory Road" (2006) Josh Lucas, James	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	The American Veteran	Namaste Yoga		
5:30	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	Jim Rome Is Burning	

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Autos for Sale 141

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Nissan Skyline GTS Clean interior. Extremely reliable Built in radio with CD player. Built in GPS system with remote and TV. Silver exterior, Charcoal interior, automatic transmission Less than 51,000 km. Great gas mileage Tires and breaks in superb condition. Need to sell car before November 1, 2009 JCI until May 2010 asking \$2000 please call 080-5688-8024 or email rebekuh@gmail.com

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Autos for Sale 141

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Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - 2007 Harley Davidson FLSTF "Fatboy" includes passenger seat, removable backrest (highly desirable by your passenger), saddlebag, and all factory manuals! Other extras are available. If you want to buy a bargain priced HD to ride while you are here in Japan, this is an increasingly rare opportunity. I'm asking \$13,000.00. This bike is priced to sell. I'm only selling it because I'm PCSing back home and I don't need two Harleys. I have a 2006 Deluxe in storage - back home. 080-5680-3650. Please leave a message if unanswered.

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Motorcycles 164

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Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Selling Graco Cherry Blossom Travel System and Swing, both were purchased in May of 2008 and were purchased new. We have been the only owners and both have received little use. We live in Atsugi and if you interested you will need to come pick them both up. Asking \$200 for both OBO. 090-1268-7244

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Bicycles 220

Yokohama/Negishi - Mongoose Exile bicycle, 27 speed, 26" tires, yellow in color. Bought in June this year. Ridden to ride to work and on weekend area rides. Have owners manual, blue Schwinn bicycle helmet, three key cable lock, light, bell and extra wide seat installed. Have original seat as well. Asking \$100 OBO. Leaving Japan on 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-9157 email james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

Cellular Phones 280

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Cellular Phones 280

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Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - Belkin wireless router (g) I have a belkin wireless g router for sale \$25.00 paid \$40.00 used for one month. Call me or email 702-946-5981, 0 8 0 - 3 5 9 5 - 6 1 2 5 , i.hamblin@live.com

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Found 490

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Furniture 510

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Yokota, Japan - Great Wardrobe! Large, pine-colored wardrobe with sliding doors covered with a full-length mirror on one door available to anyone who wants it (photo is only an example - ours is wider with one mirror). Approx 6 feet tall, 8-9 feet wide, 2-3 feet deep Holds A LOT of clothes, both hanging and folded, stacked on the large top shelf. Great piece, we just have no room since we had a baby! FREE! Please email soccerpoet@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Ikea Couch Bed Got this bed a month ago but it looked smaller in the store. No room in my small Japanese apartment must sell for smaller couch bed. The color is brown and the cover is washable. The size is around a queen when it is 'own. Cost \$450 new will take \$300 OBO Can Deliver! Call 080.6673.1820

Yokota, Japan - Lots of furniture for sale, just moved here-brought way too much. Need to sell. DR set, FS bed, butcher's rack, Total Gym, book shelves, very large computer desk, and much more! Will be available October 6 in New American Village, prices varies Please call 7042492941 or email theresa_rob@hotmail.com

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokohama/Negishi - Shark Retractor clean air hand vac with retractable cord. Still in box - never used. Will accept reasonable offer. Leaving Japan on the 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157. Email james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimquest.injapan@yahoo.com

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Large Japanese Kanji Frame. They are Ichigo-ichi only once in the life this is good for display on white wall... Size: 4' x 1.5'. Please e-mail me at yokotajapan73@hotmail.com or call me at 090-9825-3805 (Soft Bank User can text me with the number). Asking \$35 OBO Please call 090-9825-3805 or email yokotajapan73@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - THE ART OF SUSHI! 12pc. SET: New Asian inspired sushi for four set includes: 4 each dinner plates, 4 dipping dishes, and 4 pairs of chopsticks. Plates are porcelain, chopsticks are plastic. Set comes in a decorative storage tin. Plates are dishwasher safe. Asking \$25 Please call 361-288-3585 or email melody@wherever-whitening.com

Home Electronics 570

Yokohama/Negishi - Coby 20 watts CD stereo system. Still in box - never used. Will accept reasonable offer. Leaving Japan on the 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157. Email james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimquest.injapan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - gray glass TV stand 100CM long 50 CM wide 50 CM high. Asking \$50 Please call (323)338-7553

Yokota, Japan - Kenwood 5.1 Stereo Package NV-701 Nice Kenwood 5.1 Surround Sound Set Up. Sounds Great and Looks Clean 3-Disc CD and Cassette Player. Very nice and sturdy construction, asking \$75 OBO Please call 1-425-999-8508 or email mvak@yahoo.com

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - MXL 990 Condenser Microphone with Shock Mount Condenser Microphone with Shock Mount has a silky, sweet high end while retaining tight, solid low and midrange reproduction. The 3/4" gold-sputtered diaphragm creates a professional sound suited for digital and analog recording. Attractive vintage body style with champagne finish. 30Hz-20 kHz frequency response 130dB maximum SPL Includes custom shock mount, mic. Stand adapter, and case. Requires phantom power asking \$60 OBO Please call 090-4389-3536

Yokota, Japan - PS3 (Needs help) PS3 for some reason the disk only reads sometimes. If you know how to fix it will be a steal. One year old hardly used everything else in the system works. Just intermittent on disks asking \$100 OBO please email friskofan01@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - X-Box w/games Original in good working condition. All parts in box plus additional controller. Games included in price include: Counter Strike Tony Hawk's Underground Medal of Honor Frontline Star Wars/Tetris Combo T.C. Splinter Cell; Pandora Tomorrow Prince of Persia: Sands of Time Star Wars: KOTOR Star Wars: Battlefront 2 Hit man 2 Madden NFL 06 All games work and system operates great. Asking price is \$50 OBO for all. Please email elektrikboogaloo@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - XLR male-female cable (10 meters) like new, no wear. For connecting musical instruments, amps, etc. Asking \$30 Please call 080-4389-3536

Jobs Offered 630

Yokota - BABYSITTER NEEDED Wed - Fri. 2-3 hr block of time on two to three days between 8am - 1pm. Flexible schedule. Competitive pay. Two children: 2 years and 10 months. Call 904-229-0498 if interested.

Lost 670

Yokota, Japan - Lost Blue Fender Grill from my Car A small Blue piece fell off my car maybe you seen it and picked it up somewhere? I will enclose a picture to show you what it looks like. It's from a Mazda RX7. Please call me if you have seen it, or if you can help me get a new one. Please call Sheridan Turner 080-3588-0119

Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - Fender DG-20CE Acoustic/Electric Guitar with Locke Fender Acoustic-Electric Guitar with Matching Locking Hard Shell Case in Excellent Condition. Comes with 5 Picks, Seiko ST-727 Guitar/Bass Electronic Tuner, And a Chord Clamp Asking \$300 OBO Please calls 1-425-999-8508 or email mvak@yahoo.com

Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - Weber charcoal grill great grill in excellent condition, I changed to gas asking \$20 Please Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisheran@hotmail.com

Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - garden (west housing) home fence and awning for 2 story garden house. Professionally built July 2009 Paid \$2500, great condition PCS in November ready to sell today. Asking \$2000 obo still in the ground, you must come and get it. Call or e-mail me for address. 090-1347-0394

Pets 820

Negishi, Japan - 1 year old pure breed male yellow Labrador Retriever free to a good home, very sweet and kind and has tons of energy, crate trained, house broken and fixed. Will provide pedigree papers (in Japanese) crate and metal training collar. Contact 0908569764/65 or email: xrone12xx@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - American Pit-bull terrier for adoption 3 year old UKC pr bred Pit-bull color blue fawn I'm looking for good home for her. She is a very good dog, potties trained I must find her a home ASAP due to pictures. FREE! Please email trony800@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - German shepherd - Leonia's is a 1 yr old pure breed German shepherd. He's crate trained and house broken. He's a house dog but needs a yard to run around in which I don't have/can't provide him. He loves to take walks and is very loving, a good listener, and will take all the attention he can get. He has been neutered. I have his crate, toys, food, treats, etc that will come with him. Asking \$250 Please call 080-3588-1641

Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - Maltese Puppy with Pedigree 9mos old male Maltese needs new family, I am leaving country and can't take him. He is full of energy and fun loves to play and is potty trained, he has toys and all his other stuff contact Dave for more info 090-721-01052

Yokota, Japan - Saltwater Fish - free to a good home! We are leaving Japan in December and need to find a good home for our saltwater fish - 1 small clown fish, 2 small chromes, 1 yellow tail damsel and 2 hermit crabs. They have all lived happily together for 1.5 years, so we would like to keep them together if possible! Please contact 080-3421-0272

Pet Accessories 822

Yokota, Japan - Live rock for Saltwater Aquarium for sale We are due to leave Japan in December and are selling the live rock from our aquarium. We have an estimated 30-40lbs of it, all bought here in Japan at a total cost of over \$400. Live rock here is very expensive! There are 7 very good quality large live rocks (lots of purple algae), 4 semi-live (we seeded them ourselves and they are covered in life!), plus smaller live and semi-live rocks. Asking \$200 OBO Please call 080-3421-0272

Yokota - We just arrived and need a townhouse fence for our little dog. Please call 080-3443-7948, arrange a price and I will remove it when you are ready to move.

Photography 830

Yokota, Japan - Digital Camera Panasonic DMC-LZ2 6.0 MP with 6X Optical Zoom - 2" LCD Display - SD Card Compatible - Requires 2 AA Batteries - Comes with USB Connect Cable and Icon Carrying Case Asking \$40 Please call 1-425-999-8508 or email mvak@yahoo.com

Real Estate 850

Moving to Ft Bragg/Pope AFB NC? 4BR/3BA "Gates Four" home in Jack Britt School District, gated golf community, sorry no pets, avail 1 Jan 10, \$1600/mo. http://ourNChome.tripod.com

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - Brand New Nike Magnigrip CL Vapor Trainers Tired of trying to catch those sketchy passes in the rain and just can't stand it? Want interceptions? Want your pass routes to be worth it? Well, I'm selling a pair of Nike football gloves, that will increase your chances of catching or receiving a pass, I wore them only once to practice and loved them, but due to me having to end my football season early, I was unable to enjoy them more. So, you should take this opportunity and buy some awesome gloves. Asking \$17 Please call 1-216-619-8570 or email sk8er411fe9179@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Elliptical Like new elliptical. Only used a few times I don't want to throw it away. Asking \$75 Please call 1-901-273-9909 or email cjhbayem@aol.com

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - New GARMIN forerunner 405 GPS-Enabled Sports Watch With Wireless Sync Comes with USB Syn. Ant Stick, Charging Cable Clip and Watch. Heart Rate Compatible but Monitor Not Included. \$275 OBO 214-261-6352 or 080-6657-9171

Yokota, Japan - Oakley Football Visor For Sale I'm Selling a beautiful and only worn once, Oakley Football helmet Visor. It is good for field regulations and rules. It has a dark tint, but still clears enough for the opponent to see your rage. -p Retail price is at \$49.99 willing to sell for \$27 please call 1-216-619-8570 or email sk8er411fe9179@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Pro-Form Elliptical Trainer Excellent condition, built in CD player, grip pulse sensor and more. Asking \$450 Please call Theresa 425-274-4350

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Yokota, Japan - Vans Tara Dakides Snowboard Boots (Women's size 9 US - 6.5 UK - 40 EUR - 26 CM) in Excellent-Like New Condition Asking \$60 Please call 1-425-989-8508 or email mvak@yahoo.com

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Wednesday
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB playoffs: American League championship series, Game 4, N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 1, N.Y. Giants at New Orleans (dld, 90-minute cutdown).
AFN-Sports, 10:30 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 2, Baltimore at Minnesota (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

Thursday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—MLB playoffs: American League championship series, Game 4, N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—MLB playoffs: National League championship series, Game 5, L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia.
AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.—College football: Tulsa at Texas-El Paso.
AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.—College football: Florida State at North Carolina.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—Golf: PGA Grand Slam of Golf, final round (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 3, Chicago at Atlanta (dld, 90-minute cutdown).
AFN-Sports, 10:30 p.m.—NFL RePLAY: Game 4, Denver at San Diego (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

Friday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—MLB playoffs: National League championship series, Game 5, L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m.—MLB playoffs: American League championship series, Game 5, N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, if necessary.
AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.—College football: Florida State at North Carolina.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—College football: Florida State at North Carolina (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NBA exhibition: Denver at L.A. Lakers (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro basketball

NBA exhibition				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	1	.833	—
Philadelphia	5	1	.833	—
New York	2	2	.500	2
Toronto	2	5	.286	3½
New Jersey	0	5	.000	4½
Southeast Division				
Orlando	6	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	4	1	.800	½
Washington	3	3	.500	3
Miami	1	4	.200	4½
Charlotte	1	5	.167	5
Central Division				
Chicago	5	2	.714	—
Detroit	3	3	.500	½
Milwaukee	3	3	.500	½
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2
Indiana	2	3	.400	2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	4	1	.800	—
Houston	4	3	.571	1
San Antonio	2	2	.500	½
Memphis	2	4	.333	2½
New Orleans	2	4	.333	2½
Northwest Division				
Utah	3	2	.600	—
Portland	3	3	.500	½
Denver	2	3	.400	1
Oklahoma City	2	3	.400	1
Minnesota	1	4	.200	2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	4	1	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	½
Golden State	3	3	.500	½
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2
Sacramento	1	3	.250	2½

Monday's games
Atlanta 113, Washington 95
Orlando 101, Chicago 98
Houston 105, Oklahoma City 85
Tuesday's games
Milwaukee at Charlotte
Washington at Philadelphia
Dallas vs. Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Boston at New York
San Antonio vs. Oklahoma City at Austin, Texas
Minnesota at Denver
Utah at Portland
Sacramento at Phoenix
Golden State vs. L.A. Lakers at Ontario, Calif.
Maccabi at L.A. Clippers
Wednesday's games
Indiana at Orlando
Boston at Cleveland
New York at New Jersey
Memphis at Miami
Thursday's games
Atlanta vs. Miami at Jacksonville, Fla.
Atlanta at Miami
Minnesota at Detroit
Sacramento at Oklahoma City
Denver vs. L.A. Lakers at Anaheim, Calif.
Portland vs. Phoenix at Vancouver, B.C.
New Orleans at Golden State

College football

TSN FCS poll				
PHILADELPHIA — The top 25 teams in The Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 18, points and previous ranking:				
	Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Richmond (131)	6-0	3,413	1	
2. Montana (5)	6-0	3,191	3	
3. Southern Illinois (1)	5-1	3,122	5	
4. Villanova	6-1	2,930	6	
5. William & Mary	5-1	2,625	7	
6. Northern Iowa	5-2	2,619	2	
7. Elon	5-1	2,549	8	
8. Appalachian State	4-2	2,361	9	
9. New Hampshire	5-1	2,152	4	
10. South Carolina State	5-1	1,949	11	
11. South Dakota State	5-1	1,687	14	
12. McNeese State	4-2	1,689	13	
13. Jacksonville State	4-2	1,687	12	
14. Massachusetts	4-2	1,566	18	
15. Stephen F. Austin	5-1	1,541	20	
16. Weber State	4-3	1,428	15	
17. Colgate	7-0	1,264	17	
18. Central Arkansas	4-2	1,225	10	
19. Delaware	5-0	977	21	
20. Cal Poly	3-3	899	19	
21. Eastern Kentucky	4-2	645	24	
22. Holy Cross	5-1	479	25	
23. Liberty	4-2	368	NR	
24. Northern Arizona	4-2	261	NR	
25. Eastern Illinois	5-2	249	NR	

FCS coaches poll				
SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 18 and previous ranking:				
	Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Richmond (28)	6-0	700	1	
2. Montana	6-0	667	2	
3. Southern Illinois	5-1	643	5	
4. Villanova	6-1	610	6	
5. William & Mary	5-1	556	7	
6. Northern Iowa	5-2	551	3	
7. Elon	5-1	516	9	
8. New Hampshire	5-1	478	4	
9. Appalachian State	4-2	468	10	
10. South Carolina State	5-1	420	12	
11. McNeese State	4-2	409	11	
12. Jacksonville State	4-2	384	13	
13. South Dakota State	5-1	353	14	
14. Central Arkansas	4-2	318	8	
15. Weber State	4-3	311	15	
16. Massachusetts	4-2	280	20	
17. Colgate	7-0	255	18	
18. Stephen F. Austin	5-1	248	21	
19. Cal Poly	3-3	175	19	
20. Eastern Kentucky	4-2	139	23	
21. Eastern Washington	4-3	110	17	
22. Holy Cross	4-1	103	24	
23. Delaware	5-2	84	NR	
24. Eastern Illinois	5-2	82	25	
25. Northern Arizona	4-2	38	NR	

Others receiving votes: Prairie View A&M (37), Florida A&M (36), James Madison (31), Liberty (29), Montana State (15), Youngstown State (14), Butler (12), Morgan State (10), Chattanooga (9), Lafayette (5), Albany (1), Missouri State (1), Southeastern Louisiana (1), UC Davis (1).

Japan
Tennis
Tuesday's results
At Tokyo
Girls
Christian Academy in Japan 4, Nile C. Kinnick 1
Singles
Haruka Kikuchi, CAJ, def. Shannon Donegan 6-0, 6-2
Ayu Kitaura-Rachman, CAJ, by walk-over
Hana Yamanaka, CAJ, def. Elena Santiago 6-0, 6-0

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AFCA Division II poll				
Through Oct. 18				
	Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. North Alabama (25)	8-0	625	2	
2. Central Washington	8-0	592	3	
3. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	8-0	567	4	
4. Northwest Missouri St.	7-1	544	5	
5. Minnesota St.-Mankato	8-0	525	6	
6. Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	7-1	492	8	
7. Minnesota-Duluth	7-1	475	9	
8. Albany St. (Ga.)	7-0	427	10	
9. Abilene Christian (TX)	7-1	425	11	
10. Charleston (W.Va.)	8-0	411	11	
11. Tarleton St. (Texas)	7-1	368	13	
12. Missouri Western St.	7-1	348	15	
13. Nebraska-Kearney	7-1	315	16	
14. Texas A&M-Kingsville	7-1	274	7	
15. N. Carolina-Pembroke	6-1	240	17	
16. Washburn (Kan.)	6-2	207	20	
17. Midwestern St. (Texas)	6-2	193	22	
18. West Liberty (W.Va.)	7-1	151	21	
19. Tuskegee (Ala.)	5-2	143	19	
20. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	6-2	118	25	
21. Central Missouri	6-2	117	14	
22. Wayne St. (Neb.)	6-2	109	24	
23. Edinboro (Pa.)	6-2	99	12	
24. California (Pa.)	6-2	97	NR	
25. Hillsdale (Pa.)	6-2	72	NR	

AFCA Division III poll				
Through Oct. 18				
	Record	Pts	Pv	
1. Mt. Union (Ohio) (39)	6-0	999	1	
2. Wis.-Whitewater (1)	6-0	960	2	
3. Wheaton (Ill.)	6-0	895	4	
4. Wesley Del.	6-0	862	5	
5. St. Johns (Minn.)	7-0	826	6	
6. Central (Iowa)	7-0	749	8	
7. Wash. & Jefferson (Pa.)	6-0	740	7	
8. Linfield (Ore.)	6-0	723	9	
9. C. West. Reserve (Ohio)	6-0	611	11	
10. Monmouth (Ill.)	7-0	610	12	
11. Otterbein (Ohio)	6-0	595	13	
12. North Central (Ill.)	5-1	504	14	
13. M. Hardin-Baylor (Texas)	5-1	442	3	
14. Williamette (Ore.)	6-1	386	16	
15. Thomas More (Ky.)	6-0	340	17	
16. Wittenberg (Ohio)	6-0	332	22	
17. Capital (Ohio)	5-1	302	19	
18. Alfred (N.Y.)	5-0	299	18	
19. St. Thomas (Minn.)	5-1	257	15	
20. Mississippi College	5-1	237	NR	
21. Wabash (Ind.)	5-1	208	10	
22. Franklin (Ind.)	5-1	203	20	
23. Hampden-Sydney (Va.)	7-0	191	21	
24. Albright (Pa.)	6-0	130	23	
25. Occidental (Calif.)	4-1	111	24	

NAIA poll				
Through Oct. 18				
	Record	Pts	Pv	
1. Sioux Falls (18)	7-0	444	1	
2. Carroll (Mont.) (1)	8-0	425	2	
3. Lindenwood	7-0	410	3	
4. Saint Francis (Ind.)	6-0	395	4	
5. Morningside (Iowa)	6-0	376	5	
6. Lambuth	7-0	355	7	
7. Saint Xavier	8-0	340	8	
8. Ottawa (Kan.)	6-0	323	9	
9. Missouri Valley	6-1	301	10	
10. Mid-America Nazarene	6-1	284	11	
11. McKendree	6-1	278	12	
12. Northwestern (Iowa)	6-1	243	13	
13. U. of Cumberlands (Ky.)	6-1	228	6	
14. Friends	5-1	215	14	
15. Langston	5-2	210	15	
16. Minot State	6-1	187	16	
17. McPherson	5-1	185	16	
18. Eastern Oregon	6-2	137	19	
19. Georgetown (Ky.)	5-2	127	25	
20. Walsh	5-2	113	21	
21. Hastings	6-2	104	22	
22. Dickinson State	5-2	85	24	
23. Ohio Dominican	4-2	72	23	
24. Central Methodist	5-2	47	NR	
25. Grand View	6-2	26	20	

Doubles
K. Turner and M. Carnahan, CAJ, def. Christine Bolduc and Arisa Hirashima 6-4, 6-4
J. Parker and M. Sibayan, Kinnick, def. S. Inokuchi and S. Woo 6-2, 6-4
Girls volleyball
Tuesday's summary
American School in Japan def. Yokota 25-11, 25-13, 25-18
At Yokota Air Base
Spike kills—ASIJ, Baileigh Gibson 8, Emily Chambers 5, Nina O'Leary 5, Kiko Porter 5. **Set assists**—ASIJ, Janet Kanazawa 11, Hannah Siegel 7.

Tennis

Stockholm Open
Monday
At Kungliga Tennishallen
Stockholm, Sweden
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Purse: \$894,100 (Intl. Series)
Singles
First Round
Juan Monaco (4), Argentina, def. Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.
Simon Greul, Germany, def. Benjamin Becker (6), Germany, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Alberto Martin, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Albert Montanes (7), Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Joachim Johansson, Sweden, def. Peter Luczak, Australia, 7-5, 6-2.

Luxembourg Open
Monday
At CK Sportcenter Kockelscheuer
Luxembourg
Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round
Anabel Medina Garrigues (3), Spain, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 7-5, 6-2.
Sabine Lisicki (6), Germany, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4.
Carla Suarez Navarro (8), Spain, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.

Kremlin Cup
Monday
At Olympic Stadium
Moscow
Purse: Men, \$1.08 million (WT250); Women, \$1 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Men
First Round
Teimuraz Gabashvili, Russia, def. Karol Beck, Slovakia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Mikhail Youzhny (3), Russia, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-1, 7-6 (5).
Pablo Cuevas (5), Uruguay, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-2.
Potito Starace, Italy, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.

Women
First Round
Nadia Petrova (5), Russia, def. Yana Buchina, Russia, 6-2, 6-0.
Alona Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, def. Dominika Cibulkova (7), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-2.

ATP rankings
Through Oct. 18
x-qualified for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, Nov. 22-29
Singles
1. x-Roger Federer, Switzerland, 10805
2. x-Rafael Nadal, Spain, 9095
3. x-Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 7950
4. x-Andy Murray, Britain, 7390
5. x-Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, 6315
6. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 4700
7. Andy Roddick, United States, 4690
8. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, 4040
9. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 3400
10. Robin Soderling, Sweden, 3235

WTA rankings
Through Oct. 18
Singles
1. Serena Williams, United States, 7945
2. Dinara Safina, Russia, 7940
3. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, 5981
4. Venus Williams, United States, 5896
5. Elena Dementieva, Russia, 5875
6. Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark, 5575
7. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 4810
8. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 4451
9. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, 3965
10. Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, 3720

Deals

Monday's transactions
BASEBALL
American League
SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced C Kenji Johjima has opted out of the final two years of his contract. Announced third-base coach Bruce Hines will not return for the 2010 season.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Waived G Jerrell McNeal and G Anthony Roberson.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Waived G Devin Green and G Mustafa Shakur.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Suspended Carolina DB Dante Wesley one game for a flagrant violation of player safety rules during an Oct. 18 game at Tampa Bay.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Traded a 2010 fifth-round draft pick to Kansas City for DT Tank Tyler.
NEW YORK JETS—Placed NT Kris Jenkins on injured reserve.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Placed LB Jeff Ulbrich on injured reserve. Signed LB Matt Wilhelm.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned F Guillaume Lefebvre to Providence (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Placed D Cory Murphy on waivers.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned F Ryan Hillier to Hartford (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Matt Smaby from Norfolk (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned F Keith Aucoin to Hershey (AHL).
SOCCER
Women's Professional Soccer
SKY BLUE FC—Agreed to terms with M Carli Lloyd.

COLLEGE
ECAC—Voted Geneva Lyndon State, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Penn State-Abington, Salem International and Virginia Commonwealth into membership for the 2009-10 academic year.
CHEYNEY—Named Marc Harrison women's cross country and track and field coach, and James Williams men's cross country and track and field coach.
FELICIAN—Named Ivan Lewis and Brandon Smith men's assistant basketball coaches.
SAN FRANCISCO—Named Melissa Walbridge assistant volleyball coach.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS—Dismissed G Ryan Hare from the men's basketball team for violating team rules and policies.

Soccer

MLS				
Eastern Conference				
	W	T	Pts	GF GA
y-Columbus	13	6	10	49 41
Chicago	10	7	12	42 38

MLB PLAYOFFS

Phillies: Howard ties Gehrig with two-run homer

PHILLIES, FROM BACK PAGE

fastball to right-center and the ball rolled to the wall. Andre Ethier's throw toward the infield was high and off line, and Ruiz slid home without a play.

Rollins pointed in the air as he rounded second and got mobbed by teammates at third base. Even Jamie Moyer, who just had surgery on his lower abdomen, limped out and joined the celebration.

"I'm all right. I had to curl up in the fetal position and throw some punches of my own," Rollins said before taking a cream pie in the face from a teammate.

Brad Lidge got two outs in the ninth to earn the win. Ryan Howard hit a two-run homer that gave him eight straight postseason games with at least one RBI, tying Lou Gehrig's major league record set more than seven decades ago.

But J-Roll got the biggest hit for Philadelphia.

"He likes the moment," Manuel said. "He wants to be there, and he can control his adrenaline and he can handle the moment. The bigger the stage, the better he likes to play."

Matt Kemp had a tiebreaking, solo homer for Los Angeles, and Manny Ramirez made a shoe-string catch that prevented the tying run from scoring in the



Rob Carr/AP

Jimmy Rollins hits the game-winning, two-run double in the ninth inning to win Game 4 of the NLCS on Tuesday night in Philadelphia. The Phillies won 5-4 to take a 3-1 lead in the series.

sixth.

Before Rollins came through, Dodgers relievers hadn't allowed a hit in 3 1/3 innings.

"They're a very tough lineup to go through," manager Joe Torre said. "You try to be careful. He almost dug himself out."

Dodgers starter Randy Wolf pitched 5 1/3 effective innings against his former team while his "Wolf Pack" fan club sat in seats he left for them — and rooted against him.

George Sherrill struck out Howard with two runners on in the eighth and Broxton retired

Jayson Werth on a fly ball to end the inning. At that point, Torre had made all the right moves one day after hearing criticism for starting Hiroki Kuroda in Game 3. Torre let Sherrill face Howard, even though he was 0-for-10 against Broxton.

But Broxton couldn't nail down the four-out save. Now, the Dodgers are one loss from elimination.

"He put some good wood on it and it went to the wall," Broxton said. "It was a good game, just let it get away in the ninth."

Trailing 4-2 in the sixth, the Phillies got within a run on Chase

Utley's RBI single. Shane Victorino tripled into the left-field corner as Ramirez nonchalantly chased after it. Victorino scored on Utley's liner to right.

With two outs and runners at first and third, Raul Ibanez greeted reliever Hong-Chih Kuo with a liner to left on his first pitch. But Ramirez, known more for loafing than sensational grabs, saved the day — momentarily — for the Dodgers. Still, he was removed for defensive replacement Juan Pierre in the ninth.

Howard ripped a 3-1 pitch to the seats in right, giving the Phillies a 2-0 lead in the first. The streaking slugger has driven in a run in each of the Phillies' eight playoff games this year. Gehrig's streak stretched over two World Series with the Yankees in 1928 and 1932.

"I'm just going to go up there and keep throwing my bat at the ball," Howard said.

Making his first start since he lasted only 3 2/3 innings in Game 1 of the division series against St. Louis, Wolf gave up three runs and four hits.

Philadelphia starter Joe Blanton allowed four runs — three earned — and six hits in six innings in his first postseason start after two relief appearances against Colorado in the first round.

NLCS

PHILADELPHIA vs. LOS ANGELES (Best-of-seven)

Philadelphia 8, Los Angeles 6
Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 1
Philadelphia 11, Los Angeles 0
Monday: Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 4
Philadelphia lead series 3-1
Wednesday: Los Angeles (Padilla 4-0) at Philadelphia (Hamels 10-11)
Friday: Philadelphia at Los Angeles*
Saturday: Philadelphia at Los Angeles*
*—if necessary

Monday

Phillies 5, Dodgers 4

Los Angeles					Philadelphia				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	0	1	0	Rollins ss	5	1	2	2
Kemp cf	4	2	1	0	Victorn cf	3	1	1	0
Ethier rf	4	0	0	0	Utley 2b	3	0	1	1
MRmrz lf	4	2	1	0	Howard 1b	3	1	2	0
Pierre lf	0	0	0	0	Werth rf	4	0	0	0
Loney 1b	4	0	2	1	Ibanez lf	4	0	0	0
Bellird 2b	3	0	1	0	P.Feliz 3b	3	0	0	0
Broxton p	0	0	0	0	Stairs ph	0	0	0	0
RMartn c	3	0	1	1	Brntttr pr	0	1	0	0
Blake 3b	4	0	1	1	C.Ruiz c	2	1	0	0
Wolf p	3	0	0	0	Blanton p	2	0	0	0
Belisari p	0	0	0	0	Park p	0	0	0	0
Kuo p	0	0	0	0	BFrcs ph	1	0	0	0
Sherrill p	0	0	0	0	Madsen p	0	0	0	0
OHudsn 2b	1	0	0	0	S.Eyre p	0	0	0	0
					Lidge p	0	0	0	0
					Dobbs ph	1	0	0	0

Totals	35	4	8	4	Totals	31	5	5	5
Los Angeles	000	211	000	—4					
Philadelphia	200	001	002	—5					

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—P.Feliz (1), LOB—Los Angeles 8, Philadelphia 6. 2B—Rollins (2), 3B—Victorino (1), HR—Kemp (1), Howard (2), SB—Furcal (1), Belliard (1), Blake (1). CS—Ethier (1).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wolf	5 1/3	4	3	3	2	2
Belisario H,1	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Kuo H,1	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1
Sherrill H,1	3/3	0	0	0	1	1
Broxton L,0-1 BS,1-2	1	1	2	2	1	0

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Blanton	6	6	4	3	2	2
Park	1	0	0	0	1	1
Madsen	1 1/3	1	0	0	1	2
S.Eyre	1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Lidge W,1-0	3/3	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Broxton (C.Ruiz), by Sherrill (Victorino). WP—Sherrill, Lidge. T—3:44. A—46,157 (43,647).

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Angels warm up, battle back in Game 3

Backup catcher ends another wild one with two-out double in 11th

By GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Sorry, Disneyland. The best roller coaster ride in Orange County on Monday was at Angel Stadium.

Six homers by the Angels and Yankees. A late lead change. Extra innings — again. A winning hit by a backup catcher who batted .211 this season.

Now that's a ride — and for Jeff Mathis, the AL championship series was the happiest place on Earth.

Mathis drove home Howie Kendrick with a two-out double in the 11th inning, and the Angels survived a second straight thriller, beating New York 5-4 Monday to trim the Yankees' series lead to 2-1.

The Yankees' first loss of the playoffs might have stunned some people. New York had a three-run lead in the fifth inning with Andy Pettitte on the mound, looking to stand alone as baseball's winningest postseason pitcher.

Instead, Kendrick and Vladimir Guerrero erased the lead with homers — and the real fun in this 261-minute epic hadn't even really begun.

"Anyone who thought we were going to breeze through a series with the Angels is crazy," said New York's Mark Teixeira, the former Angels slugger who made several strong defensive plays. "This is a great team, and they came to play today."

Kendrick, himself a part-time infielder, homered and tripled before singling with two outs in the 11th off rookie Alfredo Aceves. Mathis followed with his drive up against the left-field wall, and Kendrick slid home well ahead of a desperate throw, setting off an on-field celebration of the back-ups' bonanza.

Mathis came up with his third late-inning, extra-base hit of this outlandish series, just two days after New York's frigid 310-minute, 13-inning victory in Game 2.

"Obviously, it's the biggest hit of my life," Mathis said. "For Howie to have the at-bat he did right there, and to get on base and put one in the gap to win the game, it's a pretty good feeling."

Game 4 was Tuesday night, with CC Sabathia pitching on three days' rest against Angels newcomer Scott Kazmir. Game 5 in the best-of-seven series is Thursday.

The last time a playoff series went to extra innings in back-to-back games, the Yankees were in the middle of their infamous 2004 collapse against the Boston Red Sox. Only three teams have blown a 2-0 lead in a league championship series, but the 2004 Yankees are in that trio: After taking a 3-0 lead against Boston that infamous fall, the Yankees lost 13 of their next 17 postseason games before winning their first five this year.

"You wouldn't think Jeff Mathis



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Los Angeles Angels' Howie Kendrick leaps toward his teammates after scoring the winning run on a double by Jeff Mathis during the 11th inning of Game 3 of the American League championship series against the New York Yankees on Monday in Anaheim, Calif. The Angels won 5-4.

would be the guy that beats us, but top to bottom, they're a good lineup," said Yankees reliever Phil Hughes, who got five outs and finished the ninth.

If the Angels had any lingering doubts about their ability to match up with the big-money Yankees after two discouraging losses in the chilly Bronx, those worries melted during their comeback in the balmy Orange County sun.

"Man, that was one of the craziest games," said Angels outfielder Torii Hunter, who lamented his 1-for-5 effort. "We were up, we were down. I've got a headache right now, but it was a lot of fun.

Both teams were battling and we came through in the end. As long as you have innings and outs left, you've got a chance to make something happen."

The Angels overcame a 3-0 deficit and four solo homers by the Yankees' stars, including Jorge Posada's tying shot in the eighth. Bobby Abreu made a big baserunning mistake, Joba Chamberlain flopped, and Mariano Rivera made a gutsy stand with the bases loaded in the 10th before Kendrick and Mathis made it all academic with two quick hits against Aceves, the Yankees' eighth pitcher.

"This is the type of series we expected it to be," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We didn't really stretch out any of our pitchers too far today out of the bullpen, so I believe our guys will be fine tomorrow."

The Angels ended their six-game ALCS losing streak. The Yankees had been 5-0 in these playoffs, starting with a sweep over the Minnesota Twins.

The Yankees had a 3-0 lead midway through the fifth on homers by Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Johnny Damon. Pettitte also appeared to be cruising toward his record 16th career post-

ALCS

NEW YORK vs. LOS ANGELES

(Best-of-seven)

New York 4, Los Angeles 1
New York 4, Los Angeles 3, 13 innings
Monday: Los Angeles 5, New York 4, 11 innings, New York leads series 2-1
Tuesday: New York (Sabathia 19-8) at Los Angeles (Kazmir 10-9)
Thursday: New York at Los Angeles
Saturday: Los Angeles at New York*
Sunday: Los Angeles at New York*
*—if necessary

Monday

Angels 5, Yankees 4 (11)

New York					Los Angeles				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Jeter ss	6	1	1	1	Figgins 3b	5	0	1	0
Damon lf	5	1	1	1	Bareu rf	4	1	2	0
MaRiv p	0	0	0	0	Trint cf	5	0	1	0
Cervelli ph	1	0	0	0	Guerr dh	4	1	2	2
DRtssn p	0	0	0	0	JRiv lf	5	0	0	0
Aceves p	0	0	0	0	KMorls 1b	5	0	0	0
Teixeir 1b	3	0	0	0	HKndrc 2b	5	3	3	1
ARdgrz 3b	4	1	1	1	Napoli c	2	0	0	0
HMatssu dh	2	0	1	0	Mizturs ph	0	0	0	1
Gardn pr-dh	0	0	0	0	JMaths c	0	0	2	1
Hrstrph-dh-if	1	0	0	0	EAYar ss	3	0	2	0
Posada c	4	1	2	1					
Cano 2b	5	0	2	0					
Swisher rf	4	0	0	0					
McCarr cf	5	0	0	0					
Totals	40	4	8	4	Totals	40	5	13	5

New York 100 **Los Angeles** 110
Los Angeles 000 **Totals** 012 100 01-5

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—New York 2. LOB—New York 10, Los Angeles 7. 2B—B.Abreu (1), J.Mathis 2 (3). E.Aybar (1), 3B—H.Kendrick (1), HR—Jeter (2), Damon (1), A.Rodriguez (2), Posada (1), Guerrero (1), H.Kendrick (1), SB—E.Aybar (2), CS—Gardner (1), Tor. Hunter (1). S—E.Aybar. SF—M.Izturis.

IP H R ER BB SO

New York					Los Angeles				
Pettitte	6 1/3	7	3	3	1	2			
Chamberlain	1/3	2	1	1	0	0			
D.Marte	1/3	0	0	0	0	0			
Coke	1/3	1	0	0	0	0			
P.Hughes	1 2/3	1	0	0	0	1			
Ma.Rivera	1	0	0	0	1	0			
D.Robertson	2/3	0	0	0	0	0			
Aceves L.O-1	0	2	1	1	0	0			

Los Angeles

Jer.Weaver	5	5	3	3	4	
Oliver	1 2/3	1	0	0	1	3
Jepsen	1 1/3	2	1	1	2	1
Fuentes	1	0	0	0	1	2
Bulger	1	0	0	0	0	2
E.Santana W.1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

P.Hughes pitched to 1 batter in the 10th. Aceves pitched to 2 batters in the 11th. T—4:21. A—44,911 (45,257).

season victory, which would have put New York one victory from its first World Series in six years.

But the Yankees went 0-for-8 with runners in scoring position for the second consecutive game and are 3-for-28 in those situations during the series. New York was 1-for-15 with runners on base in Game 3.

Kendrick hit a fifth-inning homer, Guerrero tied it with a two-run shot in the sixth, and Kendrick tripled off Chamberlain before scoring on Maicer Izturis' sacrifice fly in the seventh to put the Angels ahead 4-3.

But Posada tied it again in the eighth with a shot to center off Kevin Jepsen. Jeter stranded two runners to end New York's eighth, and Los Angeles' Abreu was tagged out moments later while retreating to second base after his long double to center.

Los Angeles wasted a golden opportunity in the 10th after putting runners at the corners with nobody out against Rivera, but the ace closer came through yet again, getting Hunter and Guerrero with the bases loaded.

"There was a lot of great baseball on that field this afternoon," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "There were a lot of twists and turns, and both teams played a terrific game. We just got it done at the end."



Athletes deal with tough calls

Sports sometimes take back seat to Far East activities

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Darius Wyche listened attentively as Matthew C. Perry yearbook adviser Kevin Rossiter gave guidelines for the beginning photo and digital manipulation challenge to a group of DODDS-Pacific journalism and yearbook students at the New Sanno Hotel's Ambassador Room.

It was Day 1 of the three-day Far East Journalism Conference. And as it unfolded, Wyche, a sophomore yearbook staffer, found part of him was roughly 750 miles west, back at Daegu American, where his Warriors football team prepared for a crucial battle Saturday at Osan American.

"This is helping me out with my (yearbook) grade," said Wyche, a starting safety for the Warriors (5-0). They need only a victory to sweep the season series from Osan and secure host rights to the Far East Class A title game.

Part of Wyche would "rather be back home, getting ready," he said. "I know it's going to be hard work."

Wyche was not alone among students facing divided loyalties and tough decisions. Senior outside hitter Nicole Sparks of two-time defending Class A girls volleyball champion Osan was missing preparation for a Friday battle at Daegu.

Her coaches "weren't happy" at first about Sparks leaving. "It took a long time" for her to make up her mind, she said.

Sparks would not have come at all, she said, if Osan was playing a match. "Luckily, a Wednesday match was canceled, and I get back on Thursday so I'll be back in time for the game on Friday."

Nile C. Kinnick senior tennis player John Bogen missed Wednesday's matches with Christian Academy in Japan as well as preparing for Thursday's Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools tournament at Chiba,



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Osan American senior Nicole Sparks listens as Matthew C. Perry yearbook adviser Kevin Rossiter explains the parameters of the beginning photo and digital manipulation challenge Monday at the DODDS-Pacific Far East Journalism Conference at the New Sanno Hotel in downtown Tokyo. Sparks is an outside hitter for the two-time defending Far East Class A girls volleyball champion.

east of Tokyo.

"It's hard to balance two different hobbies," Bogen said, adding that Kinnick had to forfeit Bogen's No. 2 singles match with CAJ. Still, he said he appreciates the conference as a "learning experience" and that he "would have regretted not coming."

Such torn feelings are part of life within DODDS-Pacific's large variety of Far East activities — 19 total on the 2009-10 Far East Activities calendar.

Journalism leads that list. It welcomed 113 students, about 40 percent athletes, from 12 DODDS-Pacific schools to the New Sanno.

"I love it," new DODDS-Pacific director Diana Ohman said of the many activities. "Choices are good for kids, especially good choices."

DODDS students get far more choices than their stateside counterparts at larger schools, where they may be limited to one or two sports and maybe one or two ac-

tivities. Sparks, for example, also does Junior ROTC, Model United Nations and National Honor Society.

"Here, everybody can participate in every single sport, and it's much easier to make a team here," Wyche said. "In the States, I might not have that opportunity."

With journalism going high-tech, "you take away this opportunity from the kids, they miss out on a lot of new things in the business," said Zama American yearbook adviser Richard Rodgers, who organized this year's conference. "And the kids still get the yearbook done."

Seven of the 19 activities are sports related. Some journalism team organizers felt there's a need for more non-sports activities.

"We need more on the academic and career side," said Seoul American journalism teacher David Clausen, who helped found the journalism conference in 1992 and has attended 13 since. "The more opportunities, the bet-

ter. And it doesn't conflict with other Far East activities."

But it does mean missing out on other things. Aside from missing practice, senior backup quarterback Patrick Varner also missed homecoming week at Kubasaki.

"My last one, too," Varner said. "Not good."

Team chemistry also can become an issue. "We're trying to keep the team as solid as possible," Kadena junior cross-country runner Avery Lennard said. "Being in Tokyo, how is this going to affect me and the team?"

At least one athlete didn't hesitate. "I believe in my team and I know they're going to do well with or without me, so the choice was pretty simple," Perry senior tennis player Andre Bugawan said. His Samurai host E.J. King and Robert D. Edgren this weekend.

Once in Tokyo, there's also the problem of staying in game shape during the wide array of workshops, challenges and field trips.

Many spend time in the Sanno's gymnasium and swimming pool. "We're working out whenever we can," Wyche said of himself and teammates Jarett Waters and David Silva.

Kadena junior runner Andrea Grade says she's putting in "about 45 minutes to an hour" in the gym. Lennard said the team is considering making a run to a nearby park each day "and see how that goes. But that's difficult to do in Tokyo," she said.

Back home, coaches were carrying on without their scribes.

"We want kids to participate in as many activities as possible," Bogen's tennis coach Nico Hindie said.

While it's "tough," Hindie said, to play a strong CAJ team without a No. 2 singles, the journalism conference "is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We wish we could have [Bogen], but there's more to life than tennis."

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Schedule

Japan Football Friday
ASIJ at Zama, 7 p.m.; Edgren at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Girls volleyball Thursday, Oct. 22
ISSH at Zama, 5:30 p.m.

Friday
Yokota at Seisen, 5:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday
Edgren and E.J. King at M.C. Perry

Saturday
Kinnick at ASIJ, 10 a.m.; CAJ at ISSH, 10 a.m.; Yokota at Zama, 10 a.m.

Tuesday
ISSH at Yokota, 5:30 p.m.; Seisen at ASIJ, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 28
CAJ at Kinnick, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis Thursday, Oct. 22
Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools Tournament, Chiba, 9 a.m.

Friday-Saturday
Edgren and E.J. King at M.C. Perry

Cross country Saturday
DODEA Japan Meet, DODEA Japan schools at Edgren, 9 a.m.

South Korea Football Saturday
Daegu American at Osan American, 2 p.m.; Korean club at Seoul American, 6 p.m.

Division I volleyball, tennis Wednesday, Oct. 21
Seoul American at Korea Int'l, 3:30 p.m.

Friday
Osan American at Daegu American, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday
Korea Int'l at Seoul Int'l, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 28
Osan American at YIS-Seoul, 3:30 p.m.; Seoul American at Seoul Int'l, 3:30 p.m.

Division II volleyball Wednesday, Oct. 21
Gyeonggi Suwon Int'l at ICS-Pyeongtaek, 3:30 p.m.

Friday
ICS-Uijongbu at Asia-Pacific Int'l, 3:30 p.m.; Indianhead Int'l at Centennial Christian, 3:30 p.m.; Korea Kent Foreign at ICS-Pyeongtaek, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday
Indianhead Int'l at Korea Kent Foreign, 9 a.m.; Centennial Christian at Asia-Pacific International, 9 a.m.

Interdivision Wednesday, Oct. 28
TCIS at Gyeonggi Suwon Int'l, 3:30 p.m.

Okina Football Friday
Kadena at Kubasaki, 7 p.m.

Cross country Wednesday, Oct. 21
Kadena, Okina Christian Int'l and Zion Christian Academy vs. Kubasaki at Kishaba Housing Area, Camp Foster, 4:30 p.m.

Tennis Thursday, Oct. 22
Okina Activities Council district doubles championship, Kubasaki vs. Kadena at Riser Tennis Complex, Kadena Air Base, 3 p.m.

Tuesday
Okina Activities Council district singles championship, Kadena at Kubasaki, 3 p.m.

Girls volleyball Thursday, Oct. 22
Kadena at Kubasaki, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Okina Christian International at Kadena, 5 p.m.

Guam Football Postseason Quarterfinals Friday
Game 1-Okkodo vs. Father Duenas at Geo. Washington H.S., Mangilao, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Game 2-Southern at Guam, 10 a.m.
Game 3-Simon Sanchez at JFK, 3 p.m.

Game of the week

Football Daegu American (5-0) at Osan American (1-3) When: 2 p.m. Saturday. Where: Cougars Field, Osan American High School, Osan Air Base, South Korea.

What: Second of three regular-season meetings between the visiting Warriors and host Cougars for the right to host the Far East Class A championship game on Nov. 7. Daegu won the first game at home 37-14 on Sept. 25 at Kelly Field on Camp Walker. If Osan wins and forces a Game 3, it will be played at 6 p.m. Oct. 30 at Kelly Field.

Players to watch: A Cougars team that had revolved around the running and defense of senior Mike Gilliam found its passing attack in its loss Oct. 10 at Singapore — quarterback Jake Mattison targets Julian Johnson and Dominique Williams. Daegu is hoping to get star running back Antoine "Flash" Feagin (hamstring) back in time for the game; failing that, more burden will fall on quarterback Trey Griffin, receiver David Martinez and the defense, led by Anthony Lampman.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Shariff Coleman

Football, Kadena

Last week: Amassed 168 combined yards and scored two TDs as the Panthers remained unbeaten at 5-0 and handed Yokota its first shutout and regular-season home loss in 10 years, 35-0. It was the first regular-season meeting between the teams.

Coleman, a junior, rushed 19 times for 122 yards and scored on second-half runs of 1 and 33 yards. He also had two returns totaling 46 yards on special teams for Kadena, which has outscored its opponents 155-13 this season.

In addition to being one of the best backs coach Sergio Mendoza says he's ever had, "he's also one of the most coachable I've had," he said. "He listens, he adjusts, he's a quick learner and he's moldable. With his ability and his work ethic, he will play after his high school days."

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Shannon Jackson

Volleyball, Nile C. Kinnick

Last week: Amassed 23 spike kills and six block points to power the Red Devils to two Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools victories and keep their record perfect at 19-0, best in school history to that point.

Jackson, a junior, racked up nine kills and four blocks in Wednesday's 25-18, 12-25, 25-17, 25-19 victory over Yokohama International. Two days later, Jackson hit 14 spike kills and two more blocks, lifting the Red Devils over Zama American 25-19, 21-25, 25-14, 25-13.

"Watching her play, it's easy to forget that she's been playing volleyball for only five months," coach Al Garrido said of Jackson, the team leader in blocks. "Her spikes are quick and fast and at least one foot above the net, which makes her difficult to block. She rises to the occasion every time she's challenged."

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Sports briefs

Hingis rules out comeback to tennis tour

The Associated Press

PARIS — Martina Hingis won't make a comeback to competitive tennis.

The 29-year-old Hingis, who retired after getting a two-year ban in 2007 for testing positive for cocaine, said Tuesday in an interview with L'Equipe that she is happy with her new life.

"I've got a nice house, my four horses," Hingis said. "On the tour, I had no life."

Hingis added that even without being tested positive, she likely would have retired.

"If I had won the four Grand Slam tournaments, maybe I would have continued," she said. "But I was on downslope. And I was suspended for two years, and that was it."

Hingis, who spent 209 weeks at No. 1 in the women's rankings and won five Grand Slam singles titles, said she went through hard times during her suspension.

"I didn't have the right to play any competition, even in another Olympic sport," she said. "I didn't have the right to feature in equestrian competition, even at an amateur level. ... I'm not sure I have completely recovered."

Hingis tested positive for cocaine after a third-round exit at Wimbledon in 2007. She denied using the drug.

Hingis said she learned that her suspension was over on Sept. 30 — her birthday — a few days after undergoing a doping test at her home.

"They thought maybe, like you, that I was planning a second comeback," she said.

Hingis quit tennis for the first time in 2002 because of foot and leg injuries.

In other tennis news:

■ Mats Wilander quit Tuesday as captain of Sweden's Davis Cup team.

Wilander, who was briefly ranked No. 1 in the 1980s, led Sweden to the Davis Cup semifinals in 2007. The Swedes also reached the quarterfinals three times under Wilander and assistant coach Joakim Nystrom.

Mills, Bogar interview for Astros managerial job

HOUSTON — Boston Red Sox coaches Brad Mills and Tim Bogar interviewed with the Houston Astros on Monday for the manager's job.

Mills and Bogar are the final two of 10 candidates interviewed by the Astros since last Wednesday. Houston is looking for a replacement for Cecil Cooper, who was fired on Sept. 21.

The 52-year-old Mills has been Boston's bench coach for the past six seasons. He previously managed minor league affiliates for the Chicago Cubs (1987-92), Colorado (1993-96) and Los Angeles Dodgers (2002). He served as current Boston manager Terry Francona's bench coach in Philadelphia from 1997-2000 before joining him in Boston.

The 42-year-old Bogar finished his first year as Boston's first-base coach. He joined the Red

Sox from Tampa Bay, where he was the quality assurance coach in 2008.

In other baseball news:

■ The Milwaukee Brewers hired Rick Peterson as pitching coach on Tuesday, hoping he can straighten out one of the worst staffs in the league.

Peterson spent a year out of baseball, but was most recently pitching coach of the New York Mets. He was fired during the 2008 season along with manager Willie Randolph, who is now the Brewers bench coach.

■ Manny Acta had his second interview Tuesday with the Cleveland Indians, who also plan to sit down with ex-New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine about their managerial opening.

Acta, fired by the Washington Nationals in July, spent eight hours at Progressive Field. He interviewed with owners Larry and Paul Dolan, general manager Mark Shapiro and others.

■ Ned Colletti is staying on as general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Owner Frank McCourt said Tuesday the team reached a long-term contract extension with Colletti, who has seen the Dodgers reach the playoffs in three of his four seasons as GM.

Three who died in Detroit race described as healthy

DETROIT — The deaths of three runners who collapsed during a 13.1-mile half marathon appear to have been an aberration, but at least six runners have died while competing in such events in the last two months.

Autopsies were inconclusive Monday on the bodies of Rick Brown, 65, of Marietta, Ohio; Daniel Langdon, 36, of Laingsburg in central Michigan; and Jonathan Fenlon, 26, of Waterford, northwest of Detroit. The Wayne County medical examiner has requested toxicology tests.

The three died Sunday during or after running a half marathon at the Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Bank Marathon. Brown and Langdon collapsed near the end of the race, and Fenlon died after crossing the finish line. Friends and family of the men said they had trained for the 13.1-mile race and were in great shape.

Penguins' Talbot practices, but won't return soon

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Penguins forward Max Talbot practiced Monday with his teammates for the first time since scoring both of their goals in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals.

Talbot, who had surgery in July to repair a torn labrum in left shoulder, wore a red jersey that signified he could not be involved in contact during practice.

While Talbot is skating and working on his shooting, he is not expected to play for at least another month to six weeks. After the surgery, doctors told him that returning in four months would be risky and that it would be safer to wait for five months — or sometime in early December.

In other NHL news:

■ Minnesota Wild center Mikko Koivu was chosen Tuesday as team captain for the season.

The 26-year-old Koivu has become arguably the Wild's best all-around player. General manager Chuck Fletcher and head coach Todd Richards announced the selection after evaluating the team's leadership over the last two weeks. In the past, the Wild chose a different captain each month.

■ Atlanta center Rich Peverley, who has seven points in the Thrashers' first five games, signed a multiyear contract extension on Tuesday.

Thrashers general manager Don Waddell did not disclose terms of the deal.

The 27-year-old Peverley has four goals and three assists in the Thrashers' 4-1 start.

■ The Dallas Stars placed center Mike Modano and winger Jere Lehtinen on injured reserve Tuesday.

For Modano, the move is retroactive to Oct. 3, when he injured his ribs in the season opener against Nashville. Lehtinen injured a groin Oct. 14 against the Predators. He has one assist in four games this season.

■ The Nashville Predators placed captain Jason Arnott on injured reserve Tuesday.

Arnott hurt his left arm in the third period Saturday night in a shootout loss at Washington. The 35-year-old forward said he hurt both the shoulder and the arm and could be out up to two weeks.

Russian bronze medal gymnast killed in car crash

MOSCOW — Russian police said Tuesday gymnast Yuri Ryazanov was killed in a car crash near his home, just days after taking the bronze medal in the world championships.

Police spokesman Oleg Kurochkin told The Associated Press that Ryazanov died Tuesday after a head-on collision near the city of Vladimir, about 125 miles east of Moscow.

Kurochkin said the 22-year-old Ryazanov veered into oncoming traffic.

Ryazanov had recently returned from London, where he finished third in the individual all-around competition at worlds. At the 2004 Athens Olympics, he finished seventh.

WNBA announces Shock moving to Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. — It's official: The three-time WNBA champion Detroit Shock are moving to Tulsa, Okla.

WNBA President Donna Orender and other officials made the announcement Tuesday, a day after The Associated Press reported the move.

The announcement came five days after the Tulsa ownership group said it would apply to purchase a WNBA franchise. Oklahoma City businessmen Bill Cameron and David Box lead the group.

Former Tulsa and Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson will be

the Tulsa team's coach and general manager.

IOC confident in Rio despite new wave of violence

LONDON — The IOC is confident Brazil will deliver a safe Olympics in 2016 despite the weekend violence between rival drug gangs that killed 21 people in Rio de Janeiro.

The violence came two weeks after the International Olympic Committee voted to award the 2016 Games to Rio, taking the event to South America for the first time.

IOC spokesman Mark Adams said Tuesday that security is always a priority for the Olympics no matter where the games are held. He said Rio's security is under the control of the national, regional and city authorities.

Former Seahawks player booked in Louisiana slaying

SLIDELL, La. — Former Seattle Seahawks safety Terrell Bierria was arrested Tuesday in the killing of a Louisiana man.

St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Jack Strain said Bierria, who played for Seattle in 2002 and 2004, has been charged with one count of first-degree murder.

Authorities said the victim was 29-year-old Soron Salter of Slidell. He was found on the floor of a home with wounds indicating a violent struggle. They said Bierria's car was seen at the house and he admitted himself to a hospital for cuts to his hands and arms.

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College football news

UConn coach: Players not involved in fight

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — The football coach at the University of Connecticut said Tuesday he's heard nothing to indicate members of his team were involved in a fight before player Jasper Howard was killed over the weekend.

Randy Edsall, speaking at his weekly news conference, said there may have been some "verbal jostling" but he has not been told that his players were fighting.

"When I hear fight, I usually think of people throwing fists," Edsall said. "I haven't got that information. Now young kids, could it be verbal jostling, yeah."

"I don't know of anybody that has substantiated [the fighting]. Now, I think anytime you probably get 300 people together sometimes there probably is going to be some verbal jostling going on."

Police have said Howard was fatally stabbed, and another player suffered minor injuries, during a fight outside a university-sponsored dance early Sunday. Nobody

has been charged with the stabbing, and UConn police said Tuesday there were no new developments in the investigation.

Hartford attorney Deron Freeman said he represents a man whose home has been searched in connection with the fight. The man, whom Freeman would not identify, and several others got into a fight "with about six" UConn football players early Sunday. Freeman said his client did not stab Howard but was present when Howard was mortally wounded.

Freeman said Monday that police told his client that he and others would be arrested, but on Tuesday Freeman said he didn't know when or if charges would be filed.

Howard's stepfather, Henry Williams, said Tuesday that the family is confident that the killer will be brought to justice. Speaking to reporters, Williams also expressed gratitude for the outpouring of love and support the family has received from the Connecticut community.

"We have a lot of pain," Williams said. "We still have hurt, but we can go on now feeling a little better because a lot of our questions have been answered. The captain of the state police told me, 'The case will be solved,' and I believe him."

Funeral services were tentatively set for Monday in Florida and Edsall said the team will attend.

Williams asked UConn's football players to take a moment to grieve, and then play the rest of the season for his son.

Police on Tuesday were asking for the public's help in gathering evidence in the killing, particularly from people who may have taken photos or videos of the fight. The violence broke out just after a fire alarm went off in a student center, forcing around 300 people to evacuate from a dance.

One person has been charged in connection with the fight. Johnny Hood, 21, of Hartford, was arraigned Monday on charges of interfering with an officer and breach of peace. But he has not been charged in

Howard's death, and police haven't identified a suspect.

Bearcats' Pike has surgery on forearm

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Tony Pike had surgery Tuesday to repair a damaged plate in his non-throwing arm, leaving his status uncertain for fifth-ranked Cincinnati's game against Louisville.

Pike broke his left forearm last season, had a plate and six screws inserted, and returned after missing two games. He led the Bearcats to their first Big East title by playing with a cast on the arm.

During a 34-17 victory at South Florida on Thursday night, the plate shifted when Pike was hit, forcing him to miss most of the second half. Sophomore Zach Collaros helped the Bearcats (6-0) pull away.

The plan is for Pike to spend two days trying to keep the swelling to a minimum, then return to practice on Thursday and see what he can do.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	8	7	1	0	14	28	18
N.Y. Rangers	9	7	2	0	14	35	22
New Jersey	7	4	3	0	8	18	19
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1	7	21	19
N.Y. Islanders	6	0	3	3	3	13	23

Northeast Division							
Ottawa	7	5	2	0	10	22	16
Buffalo	6	4	1	1	9	18	12
Boston	7	3	4	0	6	20	23
Montreal	7	2	5	0	4	15	24
Toronto	7	0	6	1	1	14	32

	Southeast Division						
Washington	8	4	2	2	10	29	24
Atlanta	5	4	1	0	8	20	13
Tampa Bay	7	2	3	2	6	17	27
Carolina	7	2	4	1	5	15	22
Florida	6	2	4	0	4	14	22

Western Conference

	Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	8	5	2	1	11	29	23
Columbus	6	5	1	0	10	18	12
St. Louis	6	3	2	1	7	19	15
Detroit	7	3	3	1	7	22	25
Nashville	7	2	4	1	5	10	23

	2	1	9	10	20		
Northwest Division							
Colorado	8	6	1	1	13	28	18
Calgary	8	5	2	1	11	30	28
Edmonton	8	5	2	1	11	30	22
Vancouver	8	3	5	0	6	23	25
Minnesota	7	1	6	0	2	15	25

Minnesota	7	1	9	0	2	13	23
	Pacific Division						
San Jose	9	5	3	1	11	32	26
Phoenix	7	5	2	0	10	18	10
Los Angeles	9	5	4	0	10	28	29
Dallas	8	3	2	3	9	25	24
Anaheim	7	3	3	1	7	16	21

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Monday's games
San Jose 7, N.Y. Rangers 3
Los Angeles 4, Dallas 1
Edmonton 2, Vancouver 1

Tuesday's games
St. Louis at Pittsburgh
Atlanta at Montreal
Columbus at Calgary

Wednesday's games
Nashville at Boston
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders
Buffalo at Florida
Colorado at Minnesota
Vancouver at Chicago
Dallas at Anaheim

Thursday's games
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal
Boston at Philadelphia
Washington at Atlanta
Nashville at Ottawa
San Jose at Tampa Bay
Columbus at Edmonton
Detroit at Phoenix
Dallas at Los Angeles

Monday
Sharks 7, Rangers 3

San Jose 2, 3, 2-7
N.Y. Rangers 2, 0, 1-3
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Drury 2 (Staal, Avery), 7:17. 2, N.Y. Rangers, Del Zotto 4 (Kotlik, R.Callahan), 8:34 (pp). 3, San Jose, Staubitz 1 (Shelley), 12:49. 4, San Jose, Heatley 6 (Demers, D.Boyle), 18:12 (pp).
Second Period—5, San Jose, Ortmeier 2 (Ferriero, Huskins), 1:19. 6, San Jose, Setoguchi 6 (Thornton, Marleau), 6:05 (pp). 7, San Jose, Setoguchi 7 (Marleau, Murray), 17:21.
Third Period—8, San Jose, Vesce 2 (Heatley), 3:46. 9, N.Y. Rangers, Lisin 2 (Avery, Gilroy), 17:12. 10, San Jose, Marleau 7 (Demers, Setoguchi), 18:05.
Shots on Goal—San Jose 8-10-12—30. N.Y. Rangers 9-11-29.

Power-play opportunities—San Jose 2 of 7; N.Y. Rangers 1 of 3.
Goalies—San Jose, Nabokov 5-2-1 (29 shots-26 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Valiquette 1-1-0 (18-13), Lundqvist (0:00 third, 12-10).

A—18,200 (18,200). **T**—2:21.

Kings 4, Stars 1

Los Angeles 0, 3, 1-4
Dallas 1, 0, 0-1

First Period—1, Dallas, Benn 2 (Morrow, Grossman), 17:18.

Second Period—2, Los Angeles, Smyth 6 (Brown, Stoll), 5:17 (pp). 3, Los Angeles, Williams 3 (Greene, Smyth), 13:26. 4, Los Angeles, Kopitar 5 (Williams, Smyth), 15:59.

Third Period—5, Los Angeles, Simmonds 2 (Brown), 18:23 (en).

Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 8-18-6—32. Dallas 11-4-15—30.

Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles 1 of 5; Dallas 0 of 4.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Quick 5-3-0 (30 shots-29 saves). Dallas, Turco 1-2-3 (31-28).

A—16,210 (18,532). **T**—2:14.

Oilers 2, Canucks 1

Vancouver 1, 0, 0-1
Edmonton 0, 1, 1-2

First Period—1, Vancouver, Bernier 2 (Wellwood), 6:32.

Second Period—2, Edmonton, O'Sullivan 2 (Grebeshkov), :26.

Third Period—3, Edmonton, Gagner 3 (O'Sullivan), 10:33.

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 11-13-16—40. Edmonton 11-8-10—29.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 5; Edmonton 0 of 3.

Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo 3-5-0 (29 shots-27 saves). Edmonton, Khabibulin 4-2-1 (40-39).

A—16,839 (16,839). **T**—2:19.

NHL roundup

Setoguchi, Sharks break Rangers' winning streak

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It sure seemed as though the New York Rangers were on their way to an eighth straight victory.

Playing at home with an early two-goal lead against a West Coast team on a long road trip, the signs certainly suggested it was going to be another good night for the NHL's hottest team.

By the time the first period was finished, the San Jose Sharks had taken over.

Devin Setoguchi scored two of San Jose's six consecutive goals and the Sharks took advantage of backup goalie Steve Valiquette in a 7-3 victory Monday night that snapped the Rangers' seven-game winning streak.

"We showed a little bit of our character," winning goalie Evgeni Nabokov said. "We kept going and the power play came up big for us again. After that, they were a little bit on their heels and we took advantage even more."

The Sharks (5-3-1) were even at 2-2 after the first period and then scored three in the second to put the game away. San Jose is no stranger to comebacks.

Two weeks ago in Los Angeles,

the Sharks spotted the Kings a 4-0 lead before rallying to tie it. They lost 6-4, but proved to themselves that no deficit is too big.

"We don't want to put ourselves in that situation very often, but when we do we know we've got the firepower that can come back and put the puck in the net," defenseman Dan Boyle said.

Valiquette didn't make it out for the third period, replaced by No. 1 netminder Henrik Lundqvist after allowing five goals on 18 shots — three on 10 shots in the second.

"I don't really have an answer for you as far as why that went the way it did," Valiquette said. "I'm definitely angry and upset that I was a part of our team not winning the hockey game and keeping our streak going."

Lundqvist gave up Ryan Vesce's third NHL goal — second in two games this season — at 3:46 of the third, and one to Patrick Marleau with 1:55 remaining that completed the scoring.

Kings 4, Stars 1: At Dallas, Ryan Smyth had a power-play goal and two assists, Justin Williams added a goal and an assist, and road-weary Los Angeles

snapped a three-game losing streak.

Anze Kopitar and Wayne Simmonds scored, and Jonathan Quick made 29 saves as the Kings wrapped up a six-game trip.

The Kings (5-4) scored three straight goals in the second period while outshooting the Stars 18-4.

Rookie Jamie Benn scored for Dallas (3-2-3), and Marty Turco had 28 saves.

Oilers 2, Canucks 1: At Edmonton, Alberta, Nikolai Khabibulin made 39 saves to lead Edmonton and keep Vancouver winless on the road this season.

Sam Gagner's third-period goal was the game-winner for the Oilers (5-2-1), who have won four of five. Patrick O'Sullivan scored Edmonton's other goal and assisted on Gagner's midway through the period.

Kyle Wellwood looked to have scored with the extra attacker in the final second to tie the game, but a video review determined time had expired before the puck crossed the goal line.

Steve Bernier scored for the Canucks (3-5-0) who are 0-4 on the road.

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Top Scores for Week 6

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166	Da Champion	CC Air HQ NATO
166	follywood31	Bagram
164	Dnalley	McConnell AFB

Top 10 Overall Scores

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Police release McNair's text messages

Exchanges support contention QB's killer was losing control

By LUCAS L. JOHNSON II

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Text messages between a woman and former NFL quarterback Steve McNair made in the hours before police say she shot him to death and turned the gun on herself support authorities' contention that she was spiraling out of control.

Nashville police released the 50 text messages Monday night as part of a case summary and detailed the exchanges between the two hours before the July 4 murder-suicide.

Sahel Kazemi texted McNair on July 3 to say she was so stressed she might have a breakdown and asked for \$2,000 to pay bills. One text said she might need to go to a hospital because she could hardly breathe.

Police say texts show McNair had someone transfer the money. The texts also show Kazemi meeting McNair at the Nashville condominium where he was shot. He asked her to leave the front door open for him.

Spokesman Don Aaron said he has been working to summarize the case for weeks and denied it was a response to a two-part report on CBS' "The Early Show" questioning the original investigation.

"If anyone has information that needs to

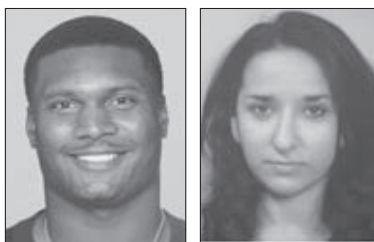
come to the attention of the police department, we'll be happy to receive it as part of this investigation," Aaron told The Associated Press. "But at this juncture, there has been nothing uncovered that suggests this is not a murder-suicide."

The CBS report Monday interviewed friends portraying Kazemi as happy and showed that she had approximately \$2,500 in her bank account at the time of her death.

Kazemi's texts to McNair talk of her showing furniture she planned to sell to some people and how she was at a store "trying to fix" her phone. She wanted to pay bills before going to work. When she said she could hardly breathe, McNair asked if she wanted him to come over. She said she would take a nap.

McNair texted her that afternoon, saying he had someone transfer the money.

Kazemi later texted McNair three times asking to be with him that night. He said he was having trouble getting his sons to sleep. But at that time, McNair was seen at a restaurant with friends. Kazemi texted she was going to his condo. He texted back at 12:38 a.m. that he was on his way and asked her to open the front door at 12:52 a.m. Kazemi told him at 1:14 a.m. it was open.



Former NFL quarterback Steve McNair, left, was allegedly fatally shot by Sahel Kazemi, right, before she turned the gun on herself in a murder-suicide on July 4.

The last text was at 2:23 with Kazemi saying, "I am going to the store." But police say the message received by McNair's phone seemed oddly placed in the stream of messages and out of synch. A T-Mobile specialist told police it could be a service or technical problem that caused a delay in the delivery of the message.

The summary also details how police checked video footage from businesses in the area and found a law firm camera caught the backside of the condo where their bodies were found later July 4. The footage did not show any suspicious activity or departure in the early hours of that morning.

Police also list the shift manager at the restaurant where Kazemi worked who told officers something seemed to be bothering Kazemi on July 3. Sonya New said she asked Kazemi if everything was all right

when the server told her of her DUI arrest on July 2. The manager also knew of Kazemi's roommate moving and asked about McNair's divorce.

"And she (Kazemi) just rolled her eyes. New said at the end of the conversation, Kazemi said, 'My life is just (awful) and I should end it.'"

Business was slow that night when Kazemi asked if she could leave early. She clocked out at 10:07 p.m.

The summary also includes new information from the woman Kazemi followed from McNair's condo, suspicious that he was involved with someone else.

Police also say Leah Ignagni confirmed she was dating McNair and recalled seeing a woman in a black Cadillac Escalade parked outside his condo two or three weeks before his murder. Ignagni saw the woman follow her and later saw the Escalade circling her block or parked outside her apartment a week or two later. A 2007 black Escalade was co-registered both to Kazemi and McNair.

Ignagni told police McNair visited her around 4 a.m. on July 2 — a couple hours after Kazemi's arrest — to tell her "Jenni" had been arrested for DUI. McNair then spent the night of July 2 at Ignagni's apartment but left early July 3.

The report also includes details from the crime scene that blood stains showed Kazemi's upper body was in McNair's lap before sliding to the floor. Police also found the gun under Kazemi's head with an impression in the carpet the summary said indicates neither the gun nor Kazemi's body was moved before officers arrived.

NFL briefs

Key defenders lost for season

The Associated Press

Three key defensive players were lost for the season on Sunday: Jets nose tackle Kris Jenkins, Falcons cornerback Brian Williams, and Bengals end Antwan Odom.

Jenkins was placed on injured reserve Monday with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, a huge loss for one of the league's top-ranked defenses.

"That's hard," coach Rex Ryan said. "It's going to be hard to replace Kris. There's not many Kris Jenkins playing in this league. Obviously, his impact is going to be felt."

The four-time Pro Bowl selection was injured while making a tackle in the second quarter of the Jets' 16-13 overtime loss to Buffalo on Sunday.

Jenkins, in his second season with New York, said he has "a little bit of a bone bruise on top of it." He added that the medical staff told him it would be a few weeks before the knee is operated on so he can strengthen it and regain his range of motion.

Williams sustained the same injury as Jenkins when he landed awkwardly on his right knee while defending a pass to Greg Olsen in the end zone in the fourth quarter against Chicago.

"It's going to be a big loss for us but it's going to be an opportunity for another player on our squad," coach Mike Smith said.

The third veteran defender

sidelined was Odom, who entered the weekend tied for the league lead with eight sacks. Odom had surgery for a torn right Achilles' tendon on Monday.

"Antwan has done some things this year that no one's done," teammate Tank Johnson said Monday. "He's a great player and a great asset to our defense. Antwan has a lot of natural ability. He can reach over five people and grab you with his long arms."

Seahawks linebacker Lofa Tatupu's prognosis improved. Seattle coach Jim Mora said Monday further tests on the three-time Pro Bowl linebacker's chest muscle indicated a partial tear rather than a complete one. He was injured while trying to tackle Arizona receiver Larry Fitzgerald.

If Monday's results from the MRI exam are accurate, Tatupu could be back after a few weeks of rehabilitation.

Jaguars cornerback Rashean Mathis will have more tests to determine the severity of a broken index finger on his left hand. Mathis, the team's top defensive back, might need surgery to repair ligament damage. Coach Jack Del Rio said surgery would not be season-ending.

Panthers DB Wesley suspended one game for hit

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The NFL suspended Carolina Panthers special teams player Dante Wesley one game without pay

Monday for launching himself into defenseless Tampa Bay returner Clifton Smith.

Wesley left his feet and hit Smith in the neck and head with his forearm and shoulder as Smith waited to field a punt late in the second quarter on Sunday. Smith sustained a concussion and both benches emptied onto the field. Wesley was immediately ejected.

Smith had not signaled for a fair catch and Wesley said he mistimed hitting him. But NFL executive vice president of football operations Ray Anderson called the act a flagrant violation of player safety rules.

"The prohibited contact in this case went well beyond simply interfering with the receiver," Anderson wrote in a letter to Wesley. "Instead, by striking your defenseless opponent in the head and neck area, you committed an unnecessary and unnecessarily dangerous act that is specifically prohibited by the rules."

"Your actions are of particular concern in light of the emphasis that our office has placed on developing and enforcing rules designed to protect players from injury, including head and neck injuries. The safety of our players is paramount to all of us in the NFL."

Wesley, who will lose more than \$36,000 in salary because of the suspension, has spent seven of his eight NFL seasons with the Panthers. While he's deep down the depth chart at cornerback, Wesley is the gunner on special



DAVID KOHL/AP

Bengals defensive end Antwan Odom is taken off the field after being injured Sunday. Odom had eight sacks this season.

teams and entered this season ranked 10th in team history with 46 special teams tackles.

Chargers game-day worker dies after fall

SAN DIEGO — A member of the San Diego Chargers' game-day staff died 12 hours after falling out of the press box before Denver played in San Diego on Monday night.

Walt Daniels, 66, died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sharp Memorial Hospital, the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office said.

Daniels appeared to sustain a head injury after falling about 25 to 30 feet out of a booth that was to be used by Broncos assistant coaches and landing on the loge level. He was administered CPR before being taken to the hospital.

The accident happened about three hours before kickoff and

delayed the opening of the gates by about 40 minutes.

Jets sticking with Sanchez

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Rex Ryan is sticking with Mark Sanchez as his starting quarterback.

At least for now.

Ryan remained committed to the rookie after Sanchez's miserable performance that included five interceptions in the New York Jets' 16-13 overtime loss to the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

Sanchez is tied with Carolina's Jake Delhomme for the league lead in interceptions with 10, and his 56.7 quarterback rating is higher than only Oakland's JaMarcus Russell and Cleveland's Derek Anderson.

"I just think we've got to do a great job at looking at what we're asking this young man to do," Ryan said.

NFL: BRONCOS 34, CHARGERS 23

American Conference

	East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	163	91
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	114	104
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	93	129
	South					
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Houston	3	3	0	.500	143	137
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198
	North					
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	118	118
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	140	112
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	69	148
	West					
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	124	136
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	62	139
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	98	144

National Conference

	East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	178	119
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96
	South					
New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	192	93
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	123	77
Carolina	2	3	0	.400	85	125
Tampa Bay	0	6	0	.000	89	168
	North					
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	189	121
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	130	93
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	119	99
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188
	West					
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	112	92
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	6	0	.000	54	169

Sunday's games

Green Bay 26, Detroit 0
New Orleans 48, N.Y. Giants 27
Pittsburgh 27, Cleveland 14
Houston 28, Cincinnati 17
Kansas City 14, Washington 6
Carolina 28, Tampa Bay 21
Jacksonville 23, St. Louis 20, OT
Minnesota 33, Baltimore 31
Arizona 27, Seattle 3
Oakland 13, Philadelphia 9
Buffalo 16, N.Y. Jets 13, OT
New England 59, Tennessee 0
Atlanta 21, Chicago 14

Open: Indianapolis, Miami, Dallas, San Francisco

Monday's game

Denver 34, San Diego 23

Sunday, Oct. 25

Minnesota at Pittsburgh
San Francisco at Houston
Indianapolis at St. Louis
San Diego at Kansas City
New England vs. Tampa Bay at London

Green Bay at Cleveland
Buffalo at Carolina
N.Y. Jets at Oakland
Atlanta at Dallas
Chicago at Cincinnati
New Orleans at Miami

Open: Denver, Seattle, Detroit, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Tennessee

Monday, Oct. 26

Philadelphia at Washington

Monday

Broncos 34, Chargers 23

Denver	7	10	7	10-34
San Diego	1	10	3	0-23

First Quarter

SD—FG Kaeding 20, 4:51.
Den—Royal 93 kickoff return (Prater kick), 4:39.
SD—Jackson 3 pass from Rivers (Kaeding kick), 0:06.

Second Quarter

Den—FG Prater 34, 7:55.
Den—Royal 71 punt return (Prater kick), 5:53.
SD—FG Kaeding 44, 2:19.
SD—Sproles 77 punt return (Kaeding kick), 1:03.

Third Quarter

SD—FG Kaeding 50, 7:57.
Den—Scheffler 19 pass from Orton (Prater kick), 3:43.

Fourth Quarter

Den—FG Prater 29, 13:05.
Den—Stokley 5 pass from Orton (Prater kick), 2:55.
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Den	SD
First downs	19 20
Total Net Yards	328 311
Rushes-yards	33-101 21-73
Passing	227 238
Punt Returns	3-77 1-77
Kickoff Returns	6-176 7-149
Interceptions Ret.	0-0 0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-29-0 20-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2 5-36
Punts	4-44.8 3-50.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0 4-1
Penalties-Yards	4-48 4-44
Time of Possession	30:43 29:17

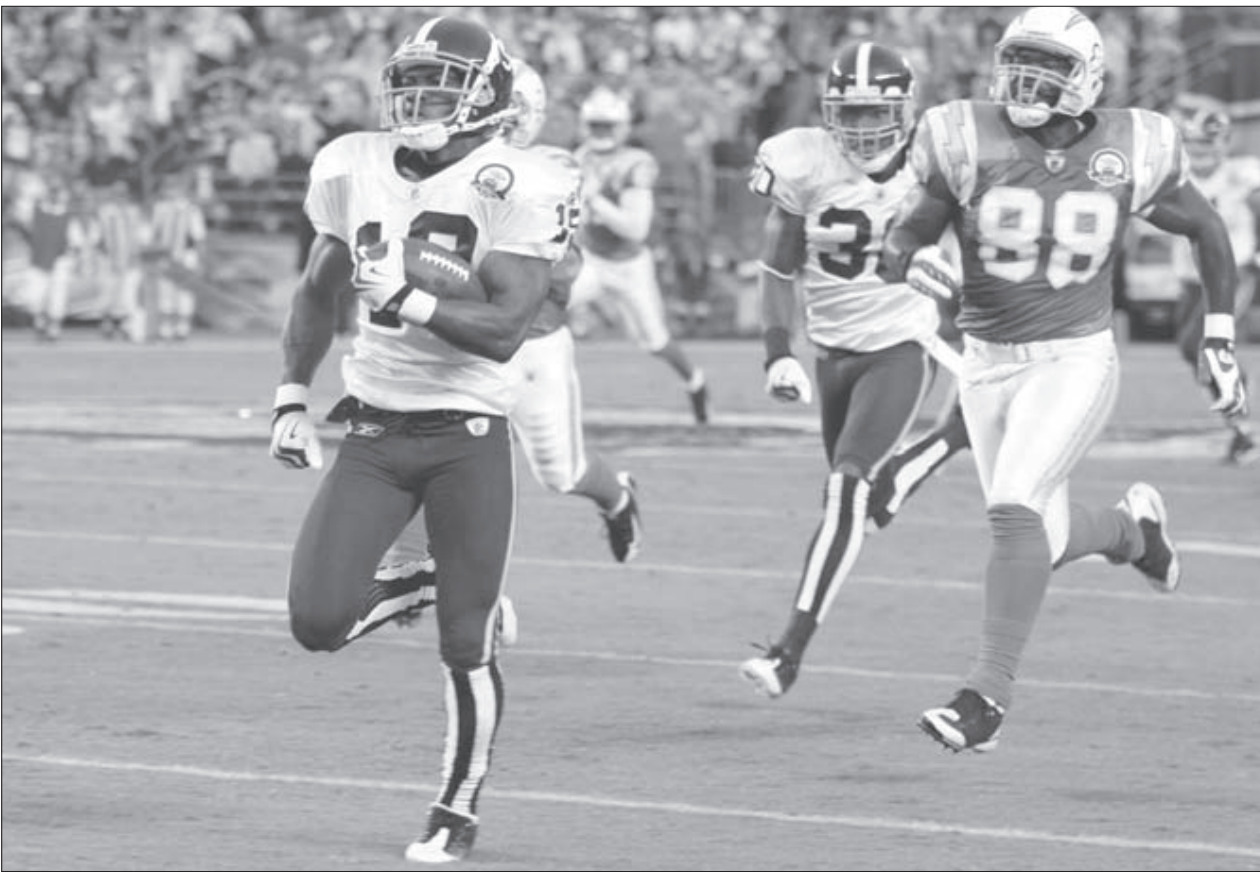
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Denver. Buckhalter 10-46, Moreno 18-44, Orton 5-11. **San Diego.** Tomlinson 18-70, Hester 1-2, Rivers 1-1, Sproles 1-0.

Passing—Denver. Orton 20-29-0-229. **San Diego.** Rivers 20-33-0-274.

Receiving—Denver. Scheffler 6-101, Marshall 5-49, Buckhalter 4-29, Stokley 3-24, Gaffney 1-27, Moreno 1-(minus 1). **San Diego.** Gates 5-70, Jackson 4-46, Floyd 3-51, Tomlinson 3-30, Tolbert 2-40, Chambers 2-33, Sproles 1-4.

Missed field goals—Denver. Prater 54 (WR). **San Diego.** Kaeding 55 (WL).



DENIS POROY/AP

Broncos kick returner Eddie Royal outruns the Chargers' Kris Wilson on a 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown during the first quarter Monday night in San Diego. Royal later returned a punt 71 yards for a touchdown, sparking Denver's sixth straight victory.

Royal helps Broncos race to 6-0

Two returns for touchdowns spark Denver over San Diego

By BERNIE WILSON
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Eddie Royal thinks one San Diego Chargers player got a hand on him during his 93-yard kickoff return in the first quarter Monday night.

He knows no one touched him on his 71-yard punt return in the second quarter.

That's how much of a blur he was in sparking the undefeated Denver Broncos to a dominating 34-23 win over the Chargers.

"Man, it was a great feeling. The guys did a great job of blocking," he said of the second return. "I've got to give them a lot of credit. They opened up the seams and it was a home run."

Royal became the first player in Broncos history to return a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns in the same game, and the 11th player in NFL history to perform the feat.

Darren Sproles, one of the other players to have a kickoff and punt return for touchdowns in a game, had a 77-yard punt return for a San Diego score.

The three returns for TDs tied the NFL record for a game.

Royal said the Chargers have aggressive special-teams players, and the Broncos knew they had to take them out.

"You've got to believe it can happen before you do it," he said. "I've got a lot of faith in the guys in front of me, so I wasn't surprised."

Coach Josh McDaniels agreed. "I think our guys did a great job of blocking and giving Eddie a chance to get started," McDaniels said.

"It doesn't matter who you are playing; you give up two big returns on a punt and a kickoff and it makes it tough," Chargers coach Norv Turner said.

This is the fifth time the Broncos have been 6-0, the first since going 13-0 in 1998 en route to winning their second straight Super Bowl behind John Elway. They opened a 3½-game lead in the AFC West over three-time defending division champion San Diego (2-3).

"It's going to be tough," Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers said. "We have to get over this one quick or we'll find ourselves in trouble in Kansas City because it's a short week."

Denver outside linebacker Elvis Dumervil had two sacks to extend his NFL lead to 10. His second sack caused Rivers to fumble, with Vonnie Holliday recovering to set up Matt Prater's 29-yard field goal. The Broncos sacked Rivers five times, three in

the fourth quarter.

The Broncos didn't get an offensive touchdown until Kyle Orton threw a 19-yard pass to tight end Tony Scheffler late in the third quarter for a 24-23 lead. Denver added a field goal by Prater and a late 5-yard touchdown catch by Brandon Stokley that was upheld on review.

"It's tough to lose when you score twice on special teams," Orton said.

After the Chargers were forced to settle for a field goal following a sensational drive late in the first quarter, Royal took the kickoff at the 7, found a big hole at about the 35, cut inside of kicker Nate Kaeding at the 50 and raced down the left sideline to give the Broncos a 7-3 lead.

In the second quarter, Royal fielded Mike Scifres' punt on the bounce at the 29, worked his way inside, then outraced the coverage to the outside to give Denver a 17-10 lead.

Royal's electrifying returns at first silenced Qualcomm Stadium, then had Chargers fans booing.

Sproles got in on the action when he returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown for a 20-17 lead that held up at halftime. Sproles caught Brett Kern's punt, ran up the left sideline, got a nice block

at about the 50, cut inside and was gone.

The Chargers ran 22 plays to only six for the Broncos in the first quarter, in what seemed more like fast-break basketball than football.

Rivers, in fact, was about to be dragged down by Dumervil when he threw a two-handed chest pass to LaDainian Tomlinson for a 21-yard gain on San Diego's second drive.

It was one of four passes by Rivers for at least 13 yards on the drive, which started at the San Diego 6-yard line.

The drive stalled, though, leading to some sideline drama involving Tomlinson.

Tomlinson wasn't on the field on third-and-goal from the 2, when Sproles was stuffed for no gain. Coach Norv Turner had a chagrined look on his face as the Chargers had to settle for Kaeding's 20-yard field goal.

Tomlinson walked down the sideline toward the bench and flipped his helmet. When he and Turner spoke a few minutes later, L.T. didn't appear to be looking at the coach.

Rivers threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Vincent Jackson with 6 seconds left in the first quarter for a 10-7 lead.

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 Denver defeat Chargers
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MLB PLAYOFFS

Phillies slide into command



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

The Philadelphia Phillies' Carlos Ruiz slides into home plate to score the winning run on Jimmy Rollins' two-run double off the Los Angeles Dodgers' Jonathan Broxton during the ninth inning of Game 4 of the National League championship series Monday night in Philadelphia.

Rally gives defending champs 3-1 lead in NLCS

By ROB MAADDI
 The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — These Fightin' Phils are quite the come-back kids.

Jimmy Rollins lined a two-run double with two outs in the ninth inning off All-Star closer Jonathan Broxton and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied past the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 Monday night for a 3-1 lead in the NL championship series.

The defending World Series champions can earn their second consecutive pennant with a victory at home in Game 5 on Wednesday night. Cole Hamels, last year's NLCS and World Series MVP, will take the mound for the Phillies. Clayton Kershaw or Vicente Padilla will start for Los Angeles.

"We believe in ourselves. We believe in our ability. We know that there's 27 outs," Rollins said after Philadelphia's fourth come-

back victory in these playoffs. "As long as you continue to believe in good things, I believe and I think we believe that good things will happen."

The Phillies led the NL with 43 comeback victories during the regular season.

"We always talk about it ... 27 outs to close out the game and you stay there until it's over like Yogi (Berra) said," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Trailing 4-3, the Phillies start-

ed their rally with one out in the ninth when pinch-hitter Matt Stairs walked on four pitches against Broxton. Stairs hit a two-run homer off Broxton in Game 4 of the NLCS last year at Dodger Stadium.

Broxton hit Carlos Ruiz with a pitch, but pinch-hitter Greg Dobbs looped a soft liner to third for the second out.

Rollins, just 3-for-18 in the series to that point, ripped a 99 mph

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One day, two thrillers

One day, two fantastic finishes. Baseball fans had plenty to get excited about Monday as the playoffs produced two thrilling games.

First, the Los Angeles Angels edged the New York Yankees 5-4 in Game 3 of the AL championship series on Jeff Mathis' RBI double in the 11th inning. About 3 hours, 15 minutes later, Jimmy Rollins hit a two-run double with two outs in the ninth to rally the Philadelphia Phillies past the Los Angeles Dodgers by the same score in Game 4 of the NLCS.

"You have to play 27 outs," Rollins said. "We've been on the other end of that a number of times this year, so just because you have two strikes and two outs, things can still happen. All it takes is a slip-up of a pitch, one swing of the bat, an error, anything to get the ball rolling."

The game-ending hits marked the sixth time two playoff games have ended in walk-off fashion on the same day, according to STATS LLC.

Here's a look at the first five:

Oct. 5, 2007

ALDS, Game 2. Cleveland 2, New York 1. Travis Hafner hits RBI single off Luis Vizcaino in the 11th inning.

ALDS, Game 2. Boston 6, Los Angeles 3. Manny Ramirez hits three-run homer off Francisco Rodriguez in the ninth.

Oct. 18, 2004

ALCS, Game 5. Boston 5, New York 4. David Ortiz hits RBI single off Esteban Loaiza in the 14th.

NLCS, Game 5. Houston 3, St. Louis 0. Jeff Kent hits three-run homer off Jason Isringhausen in the ninth inning.

Oct. 1, 1998

NLDS, Game 2. Houston 5, San Diego 4. Bill Spiers hits RBI single off Trevor Hoffman in the ninth.

NLDS, Game 2. Atlanta 2, Chicago 1. Chipper Jones hits RBI single off Terry Mulholland in the 10th inning.

Oct. 11, 1986

NLCS, Game 3. New York 6, Houston 5. Lenny Dykstra hits two-run homer off Dave Smith in the ninth inning at Shea Stadium.

ALCS, Game 4. California 4, Boston 3. Bobby Grich hits RBI single off Calvin Schiraldi in the 11th inning.

Oct. 11, 1972

ALCS, Game 4. Detroit 4, Oakland 3. Jim Northrup hits RBI single off Dave Hamilton in the 10th inning at Tiger Stadium.

NLCS, Game 5. Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3. Pinch-runner George Foster scores on Bob Moose's wild pitch to send Reds to World Series.

— The Associated Press

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